



WHEREAS, mosquito-borne illnesses are a source of human and animal annoyance, illness and death in Florida and across the nation; and

WHEREAS, mosquitoes can transmit serious diseases, including West Nile disease, Eastern Equine Encephalitis, St. Louis Encephalitis, Dengue, Chikungunya and Zika; and

WHEREAS, for more than a half-century, Volusia County Mosquito Control has been working to control the county's mosquito population, especially during the summer rainy season; and

WHEREAS, the division uses a variety of effective and environmentally safe mosquito control methods including spraying, source reduction, and the introduction of mosquito fish in water bodies to eat mosquito larvae; and

WHEREAS, Volusia County Mosquito Control employees conduct public awareness campaigns advising the public to avoid being outdoors at dusk and dawn, wear clothing that covers their skin, use mosquito repellants containing DEET, and eliminate or reduce standing water around their homes; **NOW THEREFORE**,

WE, THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF VOLUSIA COUNTY, FLORIDA, do hereby proclaim the week of June 24 to 30, 2018, as

“MOSQUITO AWARENESS WEEK”

in Volusia County and urge all residents to “Fight the Bite” by recognizing the importance of mosquito control and personal protection.

Dated this 19th day of June, A.D. 2018