

PROCLAMATION FLORIDA FOREST FESTIVAL

WHEREAS, October 2010 marks the 55th Anniversary of the Florida Forest Festival in Taylor County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, in 1956, the citizens of Taylor County, Florida decided to stage a countywide "Pine Tree Festival" as an educational tool to reduce forest fires that were crippling the county's economic base—the timber industry; and

WHEREAS, over the years the Festival grew and accomplished its aim so well that by 1965 Taylor County could boast the lowest fire record in the nation; and

WHEREAS, in 1965 Taylor County was the top tree-producing county in the South and then Florida Governor Haydon Burns and the Florida Cabinet proclaimed Taylor County the "Tree Capital of the South" and at the urging of Governor Burns, the Pine Tree Festival became the Florida Forest Festival; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the Florida Forest Festival became and remains that of promoting the benefits of "Forestry in Florida"; and

WHEREAS, special activities have been planned throughout the month of October to celebrate the occasion of this anniversary and it is fitting that we should join in the celebration representing more than 50 years of service to the forest industry.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved, that Taylor County does hereby proclaim the month of October, 2010 as *Florida Forest Festival Month*.

PASSED in regular session this 19th day of October, 2010.



BY: _____

Mark Wiggins, Chairman

ATTEST:

BY: _____

Annie Mae Murphy, Clerk of Court