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CITY OF \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF \_\_\_\_\_, COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_, FLORIDA, RELATING TO SENATE BILL 378 AND HOUSE BILL 207 ENTITLED AN ACT RELATING TO THE DESIGNATION OF THE STATE BIRD; CREATING STATUE s. 15.0352, F. S.; DESIGNATING THE FLORIDA SCRUB-JAY AS THE OFFICIAL STATE BIRD; SPECIFYING THAT THE ACT SUPERSEDES DESIGNATION OF THE MOCKINGBIRD AS THE STATE BIRD; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**WHEREAS**, per Chapter 15 of the Florida Statutes, Florida does not have an official state bird; and

**WHEREAS**, four other states have the Northern Mockingbird as their state bird – Tennessee, Texas, Mississippi and Arkansas; and

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Scrub-Jay is the only bird that is endemic to Florida, found nowhere else on the planet which no other state can claim; and

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Scrub-Jay has been present in Florida for at least 2 million years; and

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Scrub-Jay was officially listed as a threatened state species by Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission in 1975 and as a threatened federal species by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service in 1987; and

**WHEREAS**, populations of the Florida Scrub-Jay have declined 90% over the last century, and that decline has accelerated over the last decade; ([www.myfwc.com](http://www.myfwc.com)) and

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Scrub-Jay's specific scrub or scrub-like habitat is declining rapidly due to development that is fragmenting their habitat and needs our additional efforts in bringing attention to the species; and

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Scrub-Jay can be considered an "Umbrella" species. Protecting them serves to protect many other unique animal and plant species that live in their scrub and scrub-like habitat, some of which is found only in Florida; and

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**WHEREAS**, the Florida Scrub-Jay is representational of Florida's unique environment and varied ecosystems; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida wildlife viewing activities are popular among residents and nonresidents alike and provide significant economic benefits for many individuals and businesses composed of retailers, manufacturers, wholesalers and support services grounded in our communities and contributing approximately \$5.8 billion to Florida's economy; ([www.myfwc.com](http://www.myfwc.com)) and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, BY THE CITY OF \_\_\_\_\_, COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_ affirms their support and issues this resolution in naming the Florida Scrub-Jay as Florida's official state bird.

**ADOPTED** by the City Commission of the City of \_\_\_\_\_ Florida, in public session on \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_.

CITY OF \_\_\_\_\_, FLORIDA

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MAYOR

ATTEST

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CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CORRECTNESS

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CITY ATTORNEY