



SEMINOLE SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

RESOLUTION 2021-002

OF SUPPORT FOR

RECOGNIZING THE FLORIDA SCRUB JAY AS FLORIDA'S STATE BIRD

WHEREAS, the Seminole Soil & Water Conservation District is committed to setting a good example for its citizens regarding water, land, and wildlife conservation and stewardship; and

WHEREAS, the Seminole Soil & Water Conservation District has always encouraged and supported conservation efforts, through various programs and legislation; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Scrub Jay is the only bird that is endemic to Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Scrub Jay's habitat is located within Florida sand pine scrub that is an endangered subtropical forest ecoregion only found in Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Scrub Jay is a non-migratory bird that makes its home in Florida year round; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Scrub Jay is representational of Florida's environment and varied ecosystems; 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, the Seminole Soil and Water Conservation District was established to promote the conservation of natural lands, wildlife, and soil and water resources for the health, safety, and welfare of the people of Seminole County against improper land use as set forth in Chapter 582 of Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, Seminole Soil and Water Conservation District issues this resolution by common consent in support of naming the Florida Scrub Jay as Florida's official state bird.

ADOPTED THIS 9th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2021

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ed Young", written over a horizontal line.

Ed Young, SSWCD Chair