

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the People of Collier County treasure their wildlife and take pleasure in the natural heritage handed down to them by generations past; and,

WHEREAS, the Florida panther is the Official State Animal of the Great State of Florida; and,

WHEREAS, the Florida State Legislature has established the third Saturday in March as "Save the Florida Panther Day"; and,

WHEREAS, the Florida panther is a magnificent subspecies and a symbol of the natural character of the Everglades Ecosystem of South Florida; and,

WHEREAS, because Collier County is the stronghold for the long-term survival of the Florida panther, the Natural Resource managers, non-profit groups, citizens, and businesses in the County want to gather to celebrate this species for the South Florida Ecosystem; and,

WHEREAS, it is proper and fitting for all Floridians to pause and reflect on the plight of the Florida panther and the task of preserving the sleek, lean and beautiful Florida panther from the threat of extinction; and,

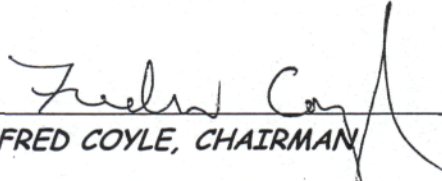
WHEREAS, we encourage each citizen to join in the celebration of the Florida Panther.

NOW THEREFORE, be it proclaimed by the Board of County Commissioners of Collier County, Florida, that March 14, 2010 through March 20, 2010 be designated as

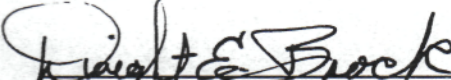
SAVE THE FLORIDA PANTHER WEEK

DONE AND ORDERED THIS 9th Day of March, 2010.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
COLLIER COUNTY, FLORIDA


FRED COYLE, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:


DWIGHT E. BROCK, CLERK

