

**WAKULLA COUNTY
NATIONAL TOURISM WEEK PROCLAMATION DECLARING
MAY 9-17, 2009 AS NATIONAL TOURISM WEEK IN
WAKULLA COUNTY**

Whereas, travel to and within the United States provides significant economic benefits for the nation;

Whereas, the travel industry ranks as the 5th largest employer in the United States and among the top 10 industries of 49 states (including the District of Columbia) when measured by employment;

Whereas, Wakulla County has identified nature- and heritage-based tourism as one of three economic development strategies in the Wakulla County Community and Economic Development Plan;

Whereas, Wakulla County possesses many recreational and tourism resources including regionally significant forests, parks, and trails, miles of shoreline along the northern Gulf of Mexico, miles of river and bay frontage, interesting and inviting communities and local attractions, and the recently designated Big Bend Scenic Byway;

Whereas, Wakulla County Tourist Development Council wishes to participate in the National Tourism Week activities through the promotion of “stay-cation” for citizens of Wakulla County;

Now, Therefore, the Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners does hereby proclaim May 9 – 17, 2009 as National Tourism Week in Wakulla County, and urge the citizens of Wakulla County to participate by visiting our diverse and significant natural, cultural, and historical attractions, exploring our many recreational opportunities including boating, fishing, hiking, biking, and golf, and dining at our local restaurants.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Wakulla County, Florida, this 5th day of May, 2009.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA**

BY: _____
HOWARD KESSLER, Chairman