

AN ORDINANCE OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA TO BE KNOWN AS THE WAKULLA SPRINGS WATER QUALITY PROTECTION REGULATION; WITHIN A DESIGNATED SPECIAL PLANNING AREA WITHIN UNINCORPORATED WAKULLA COUNTY TO PROTECT AND PRESERVE WATER QUALITY IN AND AROUND WAKULLA SPRINGS; AMEND THE WAKULLA COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE; DEFINITIONS IN SECTION 2-4; IDENTIFYING THE RESTRICTIVE INTENT IN SECTION 5-1; ADDING MONITORING, DISCHARGE REPORTING, CLEANUP, AND ENFORCEMENT PROVISIONS TO SECTION 5-10; IDENTIFY CONTROLLED TOXIC AND HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES; PROVIDE ALLOWABLE QUANTITIES AND MEASUREMENTS; ESTABLISHING AN APPEAL PROCESS; PROVIDE SPECIAL EXEMPTIONS FROM REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDE SEVERABILITY; PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners finds that The Edward Ball, Wakulla Springs State Park is a valuable cultural and natural resource and asset to Wakulla County and the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Wakulla Springs is a regionally significant natural resource with a world wide reputation as a Florida scenic area, an Outstanding Florida Waterway, culturally and historically significant, replete with tranquil natural surroundings and crystal clear water; and

WHEREAS, the Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners finds that the natural wonder and beauty of Wakulla Springs and its associated flora and fauna are valuable natural resources worthy of preservation; and

WHEREAS, the Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners finds that it is in the best interest of the citizens of Wakulla County and the State of Florida to protect the primary function and related aspects of Wakulla Springs, the State Park, the Wakulla River and its contributories, and the qualities which make this phenomenon a world renown natural wonder; and