

Resolution 2022-05

**A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING APRIL 10th AS
GOPHER TORTOISE DAY WITHIN THE BOUNDARY
OF THE HARMONY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HARMONY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AS FOLLOWS:**

WHEREAS, the Harmony Community Development District has the single purpose of maintaining infrastructure in a sustainable way while also minimizing the impact on the local ecology, and

WHEREAS, within the boundaries of the Harmony Community Development District are upland preservation areas for gopher tortoises, and

WHEREAS, the Harmony Community Development District has proposed that there be a day set aside for recognition of the gopher tortoise (*Gopherus polyphemus*), and

WHEREAS, Gopher Tortoise Day will be observed annually in the Harmony Community Development District on April 10th, and

WHEREAS the Gopher Tortoise today is, in the State of Florida, listed as Threatened, and

WHEREAS the Gopher Tortoise is considered a keystone species, and

WHEREAS, the Gopher Tortoise's burrow protects more than 350 other commensal species, some of which are also listed as Threatened, and

WHEREAS, the Gopher Tortoise's habitat needs protection,

WHEREAS, having Gopher Tortoises and other species in our area, helps to sustain the area's ecology and provide man with a source of joy and appreciation for nature.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, we the Harmony Community Development District do hereby proclaim April 10th as Gopher Tortoise Day within the Boundary of the Harmony Community Development District and urge all citizens to protect this species by learning more about them.

Dated this 28th day of April, 2022.

HARMONY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT



**TERESA KRAMER
CHAIR OF THE DISTRICT**


ATTEST