



Proclamation

Town of Howey-in-the-Hills, Florida, Lake County

WHEREAS, the citrus industry was the economic engine and dominant force in Lake County for more than 125 years; and

WHEREAS, the citrus industry was comprised of many growers, harvesters, packers, grove care workers, processing plant employees, marketers, allied industry workers and others that kept the giant functioning; and

WHEREAS, the 'packinghouses' were the heart of Howey-in-the-Hills for many years, providing a second income for many families and fueling the town's economy; and

WHEREAS, the entire Howey-in-the-Hills community depended on the citrus industry to provide the economic backbone to support most activities, both business and social; and

WHEREAS, the history of the citrus industry needs to be shared and preserved, and the stories of those involved need to be told; and

WHEREAS, the events such as freezes, insects, diseases, frozen concentrated orange juice, foreign competition, research that discovered answers to serious problems and many other critical issues that dominated the industry need to be shared; and

WHEREAS, the Lake County Citrus Label Tour and website will utilize signs of historic crate labels to provide a portal to the wonderful stories of the Lake County citrus industry; and

WHEREAS, through the website one can enjoy oral stories, narrated presentations, written relocations, pictures, accounts of events, background for each crate label, tributes to those in the industry, links to Citrus Hall of Fame members from Lake County, and much more

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved, that the Town of Howey-in-the-Hills, Florida in Lake County does hereby recognize, support and is proud to be a part of the Lake County Citrus Label tour and on this the 25th day of August, 2021 that the Town of Howey-in-the-Hills dedicates the **WHITE OWL** (C.V. Griffin Co. Packers of Citrus Fruit) and **APSHAWA** (Apshawa Groves Inc.) labels as part of the Lake County Citrus Label Tour.

Signed this 26th day of July, 2021.

By: _____
Martha MacFarlane, Mayor

Attest: _____
John Brock, Town Clerk