WHEREAS, it is one of the responsibilities of the Mayor of the City of Westerville to recognize occasions of outstanding significance; and

WHEREAS, the first WesterFlora Flower and Garden contest was organized in 1992 in concurrence with the AmeriFlora International Flower Show hosted by Columbus, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, WesterFlora Civic Beautification Committee members are all volunteers and are supported by the Westerville Parks & the Recreation Department and the Westerville Garden Club; and

WHEREAS, the WesterFlora Civic Beautification Committee has been recognized by Colour Columbus, received the Franklin County's White Glove Award, and by The Garden Club of Ohio, Inc. with their Civic Beautification Award; and

WHEREAS, the WesterFlora Flower and Garden Contest is open to Westerville residents of all ages; and

WHEREAS, the entire community has benefited from the heightened awareness of beautification through well cared for gardens and esthetically pleasing yards; now

THEREFORE, I, Kathleen Cocuzzi, Mayor of the City of Westerville, Ohio, do hereby proclaim the WesterFlora 2013 Season is open. I also encourage all residents to support the spirit of WesterFlora and the WesterFlora Civic Beautification Committee's efforts to beautify Westerville. And through their efforts we can all look forward to the

## 22nd Annual "WESTERFLORA 2013 GARDEN TOUR" On Sunday, July 21, 2013

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused my seal to be affixed this 21st day of May, in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand Thirteen.

Kathleen Cocuzzi, Mayor