RESOLUTION NO. 91-F/EMS-01

WHEREAS, Florida Statutes 1990, Chapter 252 (Emergency Management Act) establishes a Division of Emergency Management and prescribes the powers and responsibilities thereof; and

WHEREAS, section 252.38 of said act authorizes and directs each County of this State, through its BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS to establish a County organization for Emergency Management and prescribes the powers and responsibilities thereof; and

WHEREAS, the department designation of Civil Emergency Management having been adopted by this board on October 8, 1984; and

WHEREAS, being prepared for disasters means being ready to respond promptly as danger threatens, to save life and protect property, and to provide relief from suffering and privation; and

WHEREAS, local services may be overburdened or inadequate, and local government will have to operate effectively in different ways than in normal times to provide timely relief and minimize hardships in the event of heavy rains, tornadoes, and flooding in Orange County; and

WHEREAS, many populated areas and parts of communities may require evacuation, shelter, and food until the disaster ends, services are restored, and needed supplies and materials are available; and

WHEREAS, a similar response would be required if Orange County were the target of attack of enemy forces.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA, in keeping with appropriate federal and state law, does hereby designate the County Administrator as the Director, Civil Emergency Management Department, and as the principal aide and advisor to the Board of County Commissioners, to deal with emergencies and to provide relief in their aftermath.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Executive Director, Civil Emergency Management Office, under the supervision of the Fire Administrator, act in behalf of the County Administrator/Director, Civil Emergency Management, as his agent:

1. Before executives of the various municipalities, or the state or federal governments, or any public or private agency regarding assistance, relief, or response in disasters; and

2. To obtain cooperative action in disasters among the division/departments reporting to the Administrator that have public responsibilities in a disaster and the County Sheriff's Department; and

3. To bring the aforementioned agencies together to plan for concerted action in disasters.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Executive Director, Civil Emergency Management Office shall:

1. Be appointed by this board and be responsible for the organization, administration and direction of the office; and
2. Provide and maintain warning and emergency communications to interconnect State/County/City/Municipality agencies that respond in disasters; and

3. Maintain an operations center and mobile command post to serve executives of local governments and their public service agencies; and

4. Prepare and maintain such reaction plans and working agreements required by law, or advisable and appropriate for the County, in particular a Peacetime Emergency Plan (PTEP) and a Nuclear Civil Protection Plan (NCPP); and

5. Bring together local reports to maintain a continuing estimate of the situation to serve local government executives, and recommend priorities of action to the Administrator; and

6. Assess the local availability of supplies, services, and materials, serve as the contact officer for the County concerning outside aid and assistance, including the reception and coordination of relief agencies.

ADOPTED this 21st day of 1991.

ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: CHAIRMAN, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: 21, 1991

ATTEST: Martha O. Haynie, Comptroller
Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners

BY: Deputy Clerk