

APPROVED
BY ORANGE COUNTY BOARD
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MAR 28 2000 VS/CS/GR

RESOLUTION

of the

ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

regarding

THE PROPOSED SPACE EXPERIMENT RESEARCH AND PROCESSING LABORATORY AT KENNEDY SPACE CENTER, FLORIDA

Resolution NO. 2000-M-11

WHEREAS, the Orange County Board of County Commissioners recognize the tremendous impact that the Nation's space program has on Brevard County's economy as well as that of the Central Florida Region, and the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Orange County Board of County Commissioners recognizes the dynamics of the space industry is changing on both the national and international levels; and

WHEREAS, the Orange County Board of County Commissioners fully supports the expansion of space-related activities in the State of Florida to be much more than launching space vehicles into space; and

WHEREAS, the expansion of the local space industry with respect to research, development and education is highly desirable to the development of the State's economy; and

WHEREAS, the International Space Station (ISS) starts a new era of a space exploration and scientific research which provides a significant opportunity for the State of Florida to capture both commercial and academic ventures; and

WHEREAS, NASA, in a partnership with the State of Florida, plans to develop Space Commerce Park at Kennedy Space Center that will serve federal, industrial, academic, and international space programs; and

WHEREAS, NASA and the State of Florida plan to co-invest in a \$30 million research and development facility for NASA, university, and commercial space activities called the Space Experiment Research & Processing Laboratory (SERPL) which will include laboratories for the development and processing of life sciences and biotechnology experiments that will fly aboard the Space Station, Space Shuttle, and future vehicles like VentureStar; and

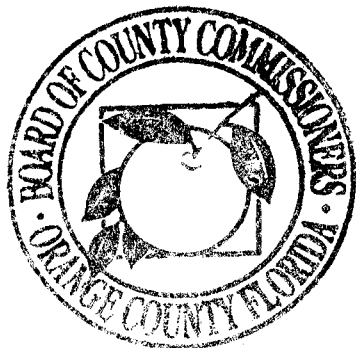
WHEREAS, the proposed State investment for SERPL will provide a multi-user facility for Florida universities and colleges which will allow the necessary academic support to NASA, military and commercial space programs; and

WHEREAS, SERPL will be a laboratory facility that will host International Space Station experiment processing, and life science research in areas such as microgravity, biomedicine, space agriculture and biotechnology.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ORANGE COUNTY:

1. The Board fully supports the partnership of NASA and the State of Florida to fund, develop and operate the Space Experiment Research & Processing Laboratory at Kennedy Space Center, Florida; and
2. The Board fully supports multi-year appropriations of \$30 million by the Florida Legislature to fund the Space Experiment Research & Processing Laboratory; and
3. The Board urges other Counties in Florida to express support for these endeavors.

DONE, ORDERED and ADOPTED this 28 day of March A.D., 2000.



ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
By: Board of County Commissioners

By: Mel Martinez
Mel Martinez
Orange County Chairman

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

By: Martha O. Haynie
Deputy Clerk