

APPROVED
BY ORANGE COUNTY BOARD
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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RESOLUTION

of the
ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
regarding
LEGISLATION AND COUNTIES IN 2002

Resolution No. 2002-M-02

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners acknowledges that the crisis facing our nation since September 11, 2001, has reinforced, more than ever, the vital importance of services provided by county governments in Florida and throughout America;

WHEREAS, public safety, fire protection, public health, emergency response and hazardous materials are some areas that citizens rely heavily on county government services as their first line of defense;

WHEREAS, critical and often life-saving everyday community services are provided by our county employees in jobs such as law enforcement officers, firefighters, paramedics, public health doctors and nurses, environmental technicians, and animal control officers;

WHEREAS, during times of crisis, the need for county government services increases; therefore balancing the state budget by shifting costs to local communities during this current time is shortsighted and counterproductive;

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

Section 1. The Board of County Commissioners hereby urges the Legislature of the State of Florida not to cause any material negative budgetary impacts to the several counties of Florida and their citizens during its 2002 Regular Session, whether through shifting of state programs and costs to the county level (that is, unfunded mandates) or through reductions in state revenue sharing.

Section 2. This Resolution shall take effect upon adoption, and the County Chairman and the County Administrator are authorized and directed to forward a copy of this resolution promptly to the Orange County Legislative Delegation.

ADOPTED THIS 15th DAY OF January, 2002



ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
By: Board of County Commissioners

By: *Richard T. Crotty*
Richard T. Crotty
County Chairman

ATTEST: Martha *Martha* County Comptroller
As Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners

By: *Martha*
Deputy Clerk