

APPROVED

BY ORANGE COUNTY BOARD  
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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# RESOLUTION

*of the*

**ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

*regarding*

**SECTION 288.1175, FLORIDA STATUTES, CERTIFYING THAT  
THE BOARD HAS CONDUCTED A PUBLIC HEARING AND  
DETERMINED THAT THE PROPOSED AGRICULTURE  
EDUCATION AND PROMOTIONAL FACILITY SERVES A  
VITAL PUBLIC PURPOSE IN ORANGE COUNTY**

**Resolution No. 2005- M-44**

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services serves as the state agency for screening applicants for state funding pursuant to Section 288.1175, Florida Statutes, and for determining that an applicant proposes to develop and construct a qualified agriculture education and promotion facility; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of Orange County (the "Board") has a series of programs that it has implemented over time dealing with agriculture education and promotion in Orange County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board conducted a public hearing and proposes construction of a facility that would serve as an exhibition hall and exposition center which can be used for exhibits, demonstrations, trade shows, classrooms, civic events or other purposes that promote agriculture, horticulture, livestock, equestrian and other agricultural resources of the state and can serve state residents with these resources.

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

**Section 1.** The Board of County Commissioners hereby declares that each of the foregoing premises are correct and accurate.

**Section 2.** The purpose of this Resolution is to certify that Orange County conducted a

public presentation on September 20, 2005, at which the Board declared that the proposed agriculture education and promotion facility serves a vital public purpose to the citizens of Orange County. At this public presentation, the Board extensively reviewed plans for the proposed capital improvement that would constitute the agriculture education and promotion facility proposed to be constructed at 6021 South Conway Road, Orlando, Florida 32812. The public presentation indicated that the Board was making application to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for state funding pursuant to Section 288.1175, Florida Statutes, and seeking the designation by the Department that Orange County is an applicant that is qualified for agriculture education and promotion facility funding, since Orange County is a charter county and political subdivision of the State of Florida and qualified pursuant to said statutory section.

**Section 3.** As part of the public hearing process, the County has demonstrated projections that indicate that the agriculture education and promotion facility activities will serve more than 25,000 visitors annually.

**Section 4.** The County has committed and is capable of providing more than forty percent of the costs to be incurred or related to the planning, design, permitting and construction of the agriculture education and promotion facility.

**Section 5.** At the public hearing on October 11, 2005, the County expressed its intent that local funds and state funds would be utilized for construction of the new agriculture education and promotion facility in Orange County.

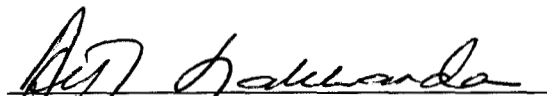
**Section 6.** The Board and its staff have reviewed the provisions of Section 288.1175, Florida Statutes, and hereby expresses its intent to apply to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for state funding to construct a new, modern agriculture education and promotion

facility and is familiar with the state statute requirements and hereby expresses its intent to comply with said provisions.

**Section 7.** The Board hereby directs the Clerk of the Board to send a certified copy of this Resolution to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

**DONE AND RESOLVED** this 11th day of October, 2005

ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
By: Board of County Commissioners

By:   
Richard T. Crotty  
Orange County Mayor

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

By:   
Deputy Clerk

