

APPROVED
BY ORANGE COUNTY BOARD
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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RESOLUTION

OF THE ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

in support of

A MEDICAL SCHOOL AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA

Resolution No. 2005-M-46

WHEREAS, the Central Florida region is the largest metropolitan area in the United States without a medical school; and

WHEREAS, the US Census Bureau projects that the US population will increase by 49% by 2050 while the Central Florida region will increase by 136%; and

WHEREAS, the Central Florida region has one of the largest elderly populations in the nation, a demographic group that uses up to 3½ times more medical services than younger people; and

WHEREAS, the need for a medical school in Central Florida is buttressed by the shortage of physicians in the state of Florida, with Florida having the oldest physician workforce and importing nearly 90% of its new physicians; and

WHEREAS, studies show that the economic impact of a medical school is estimated to be \$21 million per graduate. The economic impact of a medical school on the Central Florida region is projected to total \$2.9 billion; and

WHEREAS, the Central Florida community has committed over \$50 million in public and private funding to support a medical school at University of Central Florida. This includes a commitment of \$1 million cash, coupled with a \$1 million challenge match to the ten counties within University of Central Florida's service area, for a total contribution potential of \$3 million by Orange County government.

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

SECTION 1.The preamble paragraphs are true, correct and incorporated herein.

SECTION 2.The critical need for trained physicians within the Central Florida region is well documented and expected to increase dramatically as our population increases and ages.

SECTION 3.The Central Florida region is ready, willing and able to provide the resources to assist in the placement of a medical school at the University of Central Florida and the Florida Board of Governors is urged to consider those factors and approve the placement of a medical school at the University of Central Florida.

SECTION 4. The County Clerk is directed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Florida Board of Governors, and the Orange County Legislative Delegation.

ADOPTED this 1st day of Nov, 2005.

ORANGE COUNTY FLORIDA
By: Board of County Commissioners

By: Richard T. Crotty
Richard T. Crotty
Orange County Mayor

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

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

