RESOLUTION NO 2007-M-08

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING RESTORATION OF FUNDING TO CONTINUE AND EXPAND THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING SERVICES (COPS) GRANT PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Justice Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Grant Program is designed to enhance community policing through grant subsidies to hire new deputies and deploy existing full-time deputies from administrative duties to community policing; and

WHEREAS, the Community Oriented Policing Services Program was created by Title I of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994, and on January 5, 2006, was reauthorized through fiscal year 2009 in the Violence Against Women and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005; and

WHEREAS, Community Policing is a critical component in responding to crime, gang activity, and homeland security issues; and

WHEREAS, since its creation in 1994, the COPS program has been the driving force in the implementation of a locally-defined vision of community policing in nearly 75 percent of the 18,000 law enforcement agencies in the nation; and

WHEREAS, funding for the federal COPS Grant Program has been steadily declining since 2002; and

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Therefore Resolved that the Board of County Commissioners of Orange County, Florida, supports the restoration of funding to continue and expand the U.S. Department of Justice Community Oriented Policing Services Grant Program.
and encourages the United States Congress to favorably consider any legislative proposals related to such funding.


ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
Board of County Commissioners

By: Richard T. Crotty
Mayor

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

By: Deputy Clerk