RESOLUTION

of the

ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

regarding

Florida Department of Health Rulemaking for Onsite Systems in the Wekiva Study Area

Resolution No. 2009-M-09

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Health is not required to adopt new rules for onsite systems in the Wekiva Study Area unless it is deemed appropriate; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Health’s Technical Review and Advisory Panel has not approved the proposed new rule for onsite systems in the Wekiva Study Area; and

WHEREAS, the study funded by the Florida Legislature has yet to be completed concerning onsite systems; and

WHEREAS, if the Florida Department of Health’s proposed rule for onsite systems in the Wekiva Study Area were to be adopted a severe negative economic impact would ensue in Central Florida; and

WHEREAS, if the Florida Department of Health’s proposed rule for onsite systems in the Wekiva Study Area were to be adopted prohibitive costs for installation and maintenance as well as quality of life issues would occur for homeowners and businesses from newly required onsite systems; and

WHEREAS, centralized sewage treatment is not available in the adopted local wastewater facility plan in the Wekiva Study Area for homeowners and businesses in Orange County; and

WHEREAS, if the Florida Department of Health’s proposed rule for onsite systems in the Wekiva Study Area were to be adopted mandatory replacement would be required prior to the sale of a home or business or any real estate transaction pertaining to an onsite system regardless of the age or effectiveness of the current onsite system; and

WHEREAS, the Wekiva Study Area includes portions of or all of four out of six Orange County Commission Districts; and
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Board of County Commissioners implore Governor Crist and The Florida Legislature that the rulemaking process be halted by the Florida Department of Health concerning onsite wastewater treatment systems in the Wekiva Study Area until these matters are resolved; and

ADOPTED this 17th day of March, 2009.

Orange County, Florida
By: Board of County Commissioners

By: ____________________________
Richard T. Crotty, Orange County Mayor

Date
3-18-09

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

By: ____________________________
Deputy Clerk