WHEREAS, the areas of unincorporated Orange County are vulnerable to the human and economic costs of natural, technological and societal disasters;

WHEREAS, the Orange County Board of County Commissioners recognizes the importance of reducing or eliminating those vulnerabilities for the overall good and welfare of the community;

WHEREAS, Section 322 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5165, as amended by the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 provides for States and local governments to undertake a risk-based approach to reducing risks to natural hazards through mitigation planning;

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency has implemented various hazard mitigation planning provisions through regulation at 44.CFR 201.6 requiring local governments to have a FEMA approved Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) in order to apply for and/or receive project grants;

WHEREAS, 44 CFR 201.6(d)(3) requires local jurisdictions to review and revise their LMS to reflect changes in development, progress in local mitigation efforts, and changes in priorities, and resubmit it for approval within five (5) years in order to continue to be eligible for mitigation project grant funding;

WHEREAS, the representatives and staff of Orange County government have identified, justified and prioritized a number of proposed projects and programs needed to mitigate the vulnerabilities of unincorporated areas of Orange County to the impacts of future disasters; and

WHEREAS, these proposed projects and programs have been incorporated into the 2009 edition of the Orange County Local Mitigation Strategy that has been prepared and issued for consideration and implementation by the communities of Orange County.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ORANGE COUNTY THAT:

Section 1. Orange County hereby accepts and approves its designated portion of the Orange County Local Mitigation Strategy.

Section 2. The staff of Orange County are requested and instructed to pursue available funding opportunities for implementation of the proposals designated therein.

Section 3. Orange County will, upon receipt of such funding or other necessary resources, seek to implement the proposals contained in its section of the strategy.

Section 4. Orange County will continue to participate in the updating and expansion of the Orange County Local Mitigation Strategy in the years ahead.
Section 5. Orange County will further seek to encourage the businesses, industries and community
groups operating within and/or for the benefit of Orange County to also participate in the updating and
expansion of the Orange County Local Mitigation Strategy in the years ahead.

This resolution shall take effect upon the date of its adoption.

ADOPTED THIS _______ DAY OF FEBRUARY 2010.

ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
By: Board of County Commissioners

By: ________________________________
Mayor Richard T. Crotty
County Mayor

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

By: ________________________________
Deputy Clerk