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RESOLUTION

of the

ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS regarding the

RESOLUTION OF THE ORANGE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD DIRECTING THE ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO CALL AN ELECTION FOR A REFERENDUM TO BE PLACED ON THE BALLOT OF THE NOVEMBER 2, 2010 GENERAL ELECTION

Resolution No. 2010-14-62

WHEREAS, The School Board of Orange County, on July 27, 2010, passed a Resolution Providing for the Holding of a Referendum Election to Determine if the Electors of the School District of Orange County, Florida Authorize the School Board to Annually Levy One Mill for Four Years for Essential Operating Expenses (Exhibit A); and

WHEREAS, the School Board Resolution directs the Orange County Board of County Commissioners to call for the election, as provided under Section 1011.73(2), Florida Statutes (2009), as revised by Chapter 2010-154, Laws of Florida.

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

1. That a referendum is hereby called pursuant to Section 1011.73(2) Florida Statutes, on the question set forth in the attached Resolution of the School Board of Orange County and the Orange County Supervisor of Elections is hereby directed to place such question on the Ballot of the November 2, 2010 General Election.

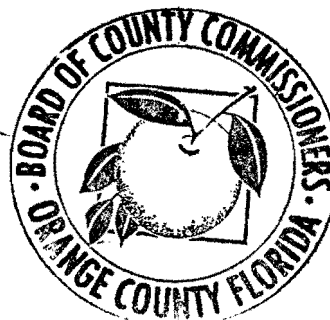
ADOPTED THIS ___ DAY OF AUG 03 2010, 2010.

ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
By: Board of County Commissioners

BY: Richard T. Crotty
Richard T. Crotty, County Mayor

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

BY: Martha O. Haynie
Deputy Clerk



**A RESOLUTION OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF ORANGE,
FLORIDA, ORDERING AND PROVIDING FOR THE HOLDING
OF A REFERENDUM ELECTION TO DETERMINE IF THE
ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ORANGE
COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZE THE SCHOOL BOARD TO
ANNUALLY LEVY ONE MILL FOR FOUR YEARS FOR
ESSENTIAL OPERATING EXPENSES.**

WHEREAS, the State has made significant budget reductions to the education funding formula since the 2007-08 fiscal year;

WHEREAS, all School Boards have experienced drastic funding reductions in recent years while operating expenses continue to rise;

WHEREAS, the Orange County School District has experienced operating budget shortfalls impacting the instructional needs of our students;

WHEREAS, the Orange County School District recognized operating revenue losses from the 2007-08 fiscal year to the 2010-11 fiscal year equivalent to a per pupil decrease of more than \$500 or 7% in total funding;

WHEREAS, the Orange County School District has experienced a decline of more than \$100 million dollars (15%) in **state revenues** since fiscal year 2007-08;

WHEREAS, the Orange County School District has experienced a decline of more than \$40 million dollars (7%) in **local revenues** since fiscal year 2007-08;

WHEREAS, the Orange County School District continues to experience a severe 12.5% reduction in property values for the 2010-11 fiscal year and there is no indication that this decline will not continue in 2011-12 and beyond;

WHEREAS, the Orange County School District has received nearly \$60 million per year for fiscal years 2009-10 and 2010-11 in Federal Stimulus dollars to partially offset the loss in local and state revenues;

WHEREAS, the Orange County School District will no longer receive Federal stimulus dollars after the 2010-11 fiscal year and is facing a potential decrease of approximately \$850 or 11.7% of the per pupil spending since 2007-08;

WHEREAS, the Orange County School District needs sufficient revenues to maintain and improve its high quality schools;

WHEREAS, Section 1011.73(2), Florida Statutes (2009), as revised by Chapter 2010-154, Laws of Florida, provides for an increase in ad valorem millage for four (4) years for operating purposes pursuant to voter referendum;

WHEREAS, Section 1011.71(9), Florida Statutes (2009), authorizes a school district to levy, by local referendum or in a general election, additional millage for school operational purposes up to an amount that, when combined with the nonvoted millage levied, does not exceed the 10 mill limit established under the Florida Constitution;

WHEREAS, the School Board has determined that it is in the best interests of the students of Orange County to submit to the voters the question of approving an ad valorem millage increase of one mill for four (4) years for essential operating expenses in order to preserve academic programs, retain highly qualified teachers, and protect arts, athletics and student activities necessary to maintain high quality educational opportunities for all students;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Orange County, Florida, in a public meeting duly called and assembled this 27th day of July 2010, that the Board of County Commissioners of Orange County, Florida, is hereby directed to call an election in conjunction with the general election of November 2, 2010, at which the electors within the school district may vote on the approval of an ad valorem millage increase of one mill for four years as authorized under section 1011.73(2), Florida Statutes (2009), as revised by Chapter 2010-154, Laws of Florida, and the substance of the measure and ballot title shall be as follows:

BALLOT TITLE:

ORANGE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
AD VALOREM MILLAGE ELECTION.

BALLOT QUESTION: Shall the Orange County School District ad valorem millage be increased by a total of one mill for essential operating expenses in order to preserve academic programs, retain highly qualified teachers, and protect arts, athletics and student activities beginning July 1, 2011, and ending four (4) fiscal years later on June 30, 2015, with annual reporting to ensure proper fiscal stewardship of these funds to the citizens of Orange County?

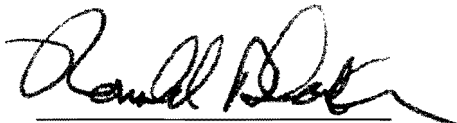
_____ **YES FOR APPROVAL**

_____ **NO FOR REJECTION**

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED this 27th day of July, 2010.

ATTEST:

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF
ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA



Ronald Blocker,
Ex-Officio Secretary

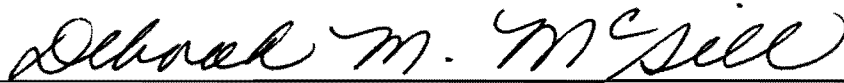
BY: 

Joie Cadle,
Board Chair

CERTIFICATION

I, Deborah M. McGill, as Clerk of The School Board of Orange County, Florida, do hereby certify that the attached resolution is a true and correct copy of the resolution adopted by The School Board of Orange County, Florida, in open session on July 27, 2010.

Witness my hand and the seal of the School Board of Orange County, Florida, this 29th day of July, 2010.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Deborah M. McGill". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Deborah M. McGill, as Clerk of the School Board of Orange County, Florida