

APPROVED
BY ORANGE COUNTY BOARD
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
JAN 27 2015 NP/KH

RESOLUTION

of the
ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
regarding
**SUPPORTING REAUTHORIZATION OF THE FLORIDA
ENTERPRISE ZONE PROGRAM CURRENTLY SET TO
SUNSET ON DECEMBER 31, 2015**

Resolution No. 2015-M-04

WHEREAS, The Florida Legislature created the Florida Enterprise Zone Program in 1982 to provide economic incentives to induce private investment in economically distressed areas within Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Enterprise Zone Program has the goals of revitalizing and rehabilitating distressed areas, encouraging businesses to locate and expand in these areas, stimulating employment among area residents and enhancing the general social and economic well-being; and

WHEREAS, to achieve these goals, state and local governments provide investments and tax incentives to encourage businesses to invest and locate in designated enterprise zones; and

WHEREAS, these incentives include corporate, property and sales tax credits as well as sales tax refunds; and

WHEREAS, in 2005, the Florida Legislature enacted Chapter 2005-287, Laws of Florida (HB 1725), which re-designated existing enterprise zones and extended the Enterprise Zone Program until December 31, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Orange County Enterprise Zone was first authorized in 1995, reauthorized in 2005 and amended to revise the jurisdictional boundaries in 2006; and

WHEREAS, the Lake Apopka Enterprise Zone was authorized in 1999, amended in 2005 to expand the jurisdictional boundaries and became the South Apopka Enterprise Zone, and was amended again in 2006 to revise the jurisdictional boundaries; and

WHEREAS, over one-hundred and eighty Orange County businesses have benefited from enterprise zone incentives since 1995 totaling \$3,282,764; and

WHEREAS, Section 290.016, Florida Statutes, currently provides that the Florida Enterprise Zone Program will stand repealed effective December 31, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature will need to reauthorize the Florida Enterprise Zone Program during the 2015 sessions in order to keep the program in place; and

WHEREAS, given the positive impact the Florida Enterprise Zone Program has had on economic development, particularly in Orange County, this Board would like to urge the Florida Legislature to extend the program.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY

COMMISSIONERS OF ORANGE COUNTY:

1. The Board supports reauthorization of the Florida Enterprise Zone Program currently set to sunset on December 31, 2015.

2. The Board hereby directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit certified copies of the resolution to the Governor, Senate President, House Speaker and Chair and Members of the Orange County State Legislative Delegation.

3. The Board directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for reauthorization of the Florida Enterprise Zone Program, and authorizes and directs that this item be included in the 2015 state legislative priorities when they are presented to the Board.

ADOPTED this ___ day of JAN 27 2015, 2014.



ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
By: Board of County Commissioners

By: *Teresa Jacobs*
Teresa Jacobs,
Orange County Mayor

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

By: *Kate Smith*
Deputy Clerk