WHEREAS, the Wekiva River is a unique natural resource, characterized by pristine water quality and a natural river corridor; and

WHEREAS, the natural environment of the river corridor is a primary factor in maintaining the water quality and enhancing the character of the river; and

WHEREAS, the significance of the Wekiva River as a natural resource of Florida is demonstrated by previous actions of the Governor and Cabinet which has included:

1. Purchase of the Wekiva Springs State Park;
2. designation of the Wekiva River as a Florida Canoe Trail;
3. designation of the Wekiva River for study under the Scenic and Wild Rivers Program;
4. designation of the Wekiva River as an Aquatic Preserve;
5. the purchase of the Lower Wekiva River State Preserve;
6. designation of the upper and lower sections of the Wekiva River as an Outstanding Florida Water; and

WHEREAS, the Consolidated Ranch/Wekiva River Tract is a key parcel near the headwaters of the Wekiva River including 14 miles of frontage on the Wekiva River and Rock Springs Run, a major tributary, to the Wekiva River; and

WHEREAS, the Consolidated Ranch/Wekiva River Tract is being proposed for development which could have a negative impact on the Wekiva River and Rock Springs Run; and

WHEREAS, the Consolidated Ranch/Wekiva River Tract is being proposed for acquisition under the Conservation and Recreation Lands Program; and
WHEREAS, the acquisition of the Consolidated Ranch/Wekiva River Tract offers significant benefits to the residents of Central Florida as well as the protection of the Wekiva River and Rock Springs Run.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Orange County, Florida, that:

SECTION 1. The Governor and Cabinet and the Conservation and Recreation Lands Committee are encouraged to support the purchase of the Consolidated Ranch/Wekiva River Tract under the Conservation and Recreation Lands Program.

RESOLVED THIS 25th DAY OF MARCH, 1982.

Board of County Commissioners of Orange County
By:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Deputy Clerk