A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA EXPRESSING THE BOARD'S OPPOSI-
TION TO SECTION SIX OF A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RE-
LATED TO ENVIRONMENTAL REORGANIZATION; EXPRESSING THE
BOARD'S OPPOSITION TO THE COLLOCATION OF THE FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION ST. JOHNS RIVER
DISTRICT OFFICE WITH THE ST. JOHNS WATER MANAGEMENT DIS-
TRICT OFFICE IN PALATKA; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

PREMISES

1. The Legislature of the State of Florida is currently
considering the adoption of an amendment to §403.809, Fla. Stat.

2. This amendment requires the Florida Department of En-
vironmental Regulation District Manager to maintain his office in the
Environmental District Center at the same location as the office of
the Water Management District.

3. For many years, the Department has maintained a dis-
 trict office in the City of Orlando.

4. The St. Johns River Water Management District Office
is located a long distance from Orlando in the City of Palatka, Florida.

5. Pursuant to state law, the Board of County Commissioners
of Orange County, Florida maintains an approved local program, the
Orange County Pollution Control Department, in the City of Orlando.

6. The County and the F.D.E.R. District Office should be
located in close proximity to each other because of the need to coordi-
nate the various environmental and pollution control programs in which
the two cooperate and maintain.

7. The County and the F.D.E.R. have entered into lengthy,
complicated permit agreements and consent orders concerning the con-
struction, operation, and permitting of the County's wastewater systems.

8. Because of the complexity of these documents, it is
essential that the F.D.E.R. District Office remain in the City of
Orlando to assist in the interpretation and implementation of these docu-
ments.

9. Because of the need for cooperation and coordination
between the County and the Florida Department of Environmental Regulation
concerning their various joint pollution control programs and the com-
plex agreements entered into between the two parties, it would work an
extreme hardship on the County and the District Office to require the
removal of the District Office from Orlando to Palatka.

ACCORDINGLY, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS OF ORANGE COUNTY:

Section 1. The Board of County Commissioners hereby ex-
presses its opposition to the currently proposed amendment to Section
403.809(2), Fla. Stat., which would require the Florida Department of
Environmental Regulation District Manager to maintain his office in the
same city as the office of the Water Management District. The Board
further requests the members of the Orange County Legislative Delegation
to oppose this proposed amendment because of the detrimental impact the
amendment would have on the vital joint functions carried out by the County and the Department. The Board hereby directs that a certified copy of this Resolution be transmitted immediately to all members of the Orange County Legislative Delegation and the Secretary of the Florida Department of Environmental Regulation.

Section 2. This Resolution shall take effect upon adoption.

RESOLVED THIS 2nd DAY OF MAY, 1983.

Chairman, Board of County Commissioners of Orange County, Florida

ATTEST:

Deputy Clerk to Board of County Commissioners