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Resolution

WHEREAS, in his budget recommendation released on February 21, 1983, Governor Bob Graham endorsed the continuation of Treatment Alternatives to Street Crime (TASC) and funding for this program for 1983-84; and

WHEREAS, failure to maintain the present level of services will result in more overcrowding in Florida's criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, this program in Orange County for the past six and one half (6½) years indicates that community based treatment and strict monitoring of selected felons has benefited the community in helping eliminate the drug/alcohol abuse that is intimately related to criminal behavior; and

WHEREAS, statistics show that the costs of TASC have been infinitely less than the cost of incarceration and that the program has provided meaningful rehabilitation;

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

Section 1. The Florida Legislature is urged to appropriate funds for those services recommended by the Governor in the crime prevention package, which included: funds to treat increased referrals from DWI schools; alcohol/court liaison services; residential/outpatient services for alcohol abusing youth; drug abuse adolescent residential treatment services; and community drug abuse awareness program.

Section 2. The Florida Legislature is requested to appropriate minimal workload and price-level increases, in addition to restoring 100% of the alcohol and drug abuse block grants.

Section 3. The Legislature should restore funds for the TASC incentive programs which help alleviate the pressure on our overcrowded criminal justice system.

Section 4. The Florida Legislature should restore statewide drug abuse communications/prevention and training activities which include a drug abuse clearinghouse and coordination of parent group activities.

SIGNED and SEALED this 9th day of May, 1983.



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