

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE LOCATION OF A VETERANS HOSPITAL IN ORANGE OR SEMINOLE COUNTY APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AT THEIR MEETING

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WHEREAS, over 124,000 veterans are located in Orange and Seminole Counties; and

WHEREAS, many of these veterans require the medical services guaranteed to them by the nation they served in time of need; and

WHEREAS, new veteran hospitals are desperately needed by this state, which is well below the national average now with a constantly increasing population; and

WHEREAS, the location of a new hospital in Orange or Seminole County would make the facility more accessible for the vast majority of Central Florida veterans;

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

SECTION 1. THAT, the Congress is urged to authorize a new hospital and related facilities to serve the needs of Central Florida veterans, and that this project be placed on the 5-year plan of the Veterans Administration.

SECTION 2. THAT, while this Commission believes that the Orange/Seminole County area is the most efficient location for these facilities, the overriding present requirement is for the authorization of the project for the general area of East Central Florida, and that the specific site be determined at the proper time based on an objective criteria with input from all concerned parties to the Federal Government.

SECTION 3. THAT, the Congress recognize that, although hospital care is important, the real issue is medical care. Innovative, cost-effective solutions must be instituted which will provide this care on both an inpatient and outpatient basis to all eligible veterans.

Florida veterans should receive treatment equivalent to that treatment provided veterans from other parts of this country relative to service-connected/nonservice-connected patient ratios. The need is real, and the need is now.

DULY ADOPTED this 26<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1983.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF  
ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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LOU TREADWAY, CHAIRMAN

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