

ORANGE COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 84-LEG-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS; PETITIONING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE AND THE ORANGE COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION TO ADOPT PCB 84-6, THE PROPOSED FLORIDA WETLANDS PROTECTION ACT OF 1984; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

PREMISES AND FINDINGS

1. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has estimated that Florida lost an average of 77,000 acres of wetlands per year to development between 1953 and 1973.

2. During that same period, rapid development in Orange County caused a loss of valuable wetlands.

3. The preservation of wetlands and their protection from unnecessary, undesirable, and unregulated use is in the public interest and is essential to the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Orange County and the State of Florida.

4. Florida and Orange County are currently undergoing, and will continue to undergo, extremely rapid increases in population that will increase the development and alteration of the state's wetlands.

5. It is Orange County's policy, and it should be the policy of the State of Florida, to provide for the protection, preservation, maintenance, and use of wetlands by minimizing their disturbance and pollution; maintaining and improving water quality in accordance with the highest standards set by Federal, State or local authorities; preventing damage from turbidity or siltation; preventing loss of fish and other beneficial aquatic organisms, wildlife, and vegetation and the destruction of the natural habitats thereof; protecting the quality of wetlands for their conservation, economic, aesthetic, recreational, and other public and private uses and values; and providing orderly processes to accommodate the needs of the economic growth of the state and the use of its land in a manner which protects its surface waters and wetlands.

6. The staff of the Florida House Committee on Natural Resources has prepared a proposed bill for the adoption of the "Florida Wetlands Protection Act of 1984".

7. In addition to streamlining, clarifying, and broadening the powers of the state to deal with wetlands protection, the proposed bill continues to allow local governments like Orange County to adopt standards as stringent or more stringent than the States standards.

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

Section 1. The Board of County Commissioners of Orange County,

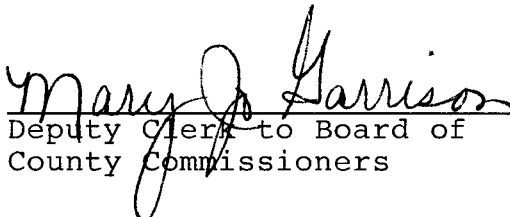
Florida, hereby petitions the Florida Legislature and the Orange County Legislative Delegation to support and adopt PCB 84-6, a proposed bill proposing the creation of the "Florida Wetlands Protection Action of 1984".

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

RESOLVED THIS 5<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 1984.

  
Chairman, Board of County  
Commissioners of Orange  
County

ATTEST:

  
Deputy Clerk to Board of  
County Commissioners