WHEREAS, Chapter 125 Florida Statutes places the responsibility for the health and well-being of its residents upon each Board of County Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 394, Florida Statutes places the responsibility for local determination of needs and services in the hands of District Mental Health Boards; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's Task Force on Community Health Services recommended the continuation of meaningful local mental health planning as essential to the provision of comprehensive community mental health services; and

WHEREAS, legislation has been introduced to modify the structure, mission and responsibilities of District Mental Health Boards;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS strongly recommends:

1. That the Legislature reaffirm the necessity for meaningful local determination of mental health needs and services.

2. That any modification of the existing contract and funding procedures mandate that the Florida Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services fund and/or contract for services in compliance with a locally determined and approved District Mental Health Plan.

3. That Florida Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services be mandated to provide its share of the necessary operational funding of District Mental Health Boards to the limits of the statutory cap.

4. That a provision be included, in any legislation modifying Chapter 394, which would return contract administration to the local District Mental Health Board, in the event the Florida Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services contracts or funds in a manner not in accord with the approved Mental Health Plans.

5. That under no circumstances would the role of District Mental Health Boards become merely advisory in the determination of local mental health needs and services.

DONE, ORDERED AND ADOPTED, in regular session, this 30th day of April, A.D., 1984.

LOU TREADWAY, CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

ATTEST:

MARY LO CLARKSON, Deputy Clerk