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RESOLUTION NO. 87-ENV-01

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2 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY
3 COMMISSIONERS OF ORANGE COUNTY FLORIDA
4 PERTAINING TO THE RESTORATION OF LAKE
5 APOPKA; SUPPORTING THE CONCEPT OF STATE LAND
6 EXCHANGE TO PLACE PORTIONS OF THE LAKE
7 APOPKA MUCK FARMS INTO PUBLIC OWNERSHIP
8 THEREBY ALLOWING PROGRAMS WHICH WILL IMPROVE
9 THE AQUATIC ENVIRONMENT TO PROCEED.

10 WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners supports
11 efforts to restore Lake Apopka, whose problems have been well
12 documented in public forums; and

13 WHEREAS, it has been determined that a major cause of
14 Lake Apopka's failure to meet Class III water standards is
15 the accelerated introduction of nutrients into the lake; and

16 WHEREAS, a major contributor of nutrients into the Lake
17 is the muck farm activity on the north shore of the Lake; and

18 WHEREAS, the muck farms occupy land which was originally
19 a marsh that provided natural filtration and restoration of
20 the lake through aquatic plant life and breeding grounds for
21 fish; and

22 WHEREAS, restoration of the muck farms to natural marsh
23 systems could substantially benefit Lake Apopka and all
24 downstream waters through the elimination of substantial
25 nutrient discharge into lake and downstream waters and
26 restoration of plant and fish habitat; and

27 WHEREAS, the State of Florida owns lands which might be
28 appropriately exchanged for the muck farm lands, allowing
29 both continuation of the muck farm owners' agricultural
30 production and restoration of the marsh systems in the lake;
31 and

32 WHEREAS, improvement to Lake Apopka without the expense
33 of environmental degradation to other areas can be gained
34 through diligent efforts by state and other regulatory
35 agencies to monitor implementation;

36 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
ORANGE COUNTY FLORIDA:

1 Section 1. That Orange County supports the concept of
2 land exchange by the State of Florida which will provide for
3 public ownership of appropriate muck farm lands on the north
4 shore of Lake Apopka so as to achieve the lake restoration
5 goals of the Lake Apopka Restoration Council as described
6 above.

7 Section 2. That this resolution shall become effective
8 on the date of its adoption.

9 ADOPTED THIS 23rd DAY OF March, 1987.

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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