

A RESOLUTION PETITIONING STATE LEGISLATURE FOR
APPROPRIATE LEGISLATION EXEMPTING SUBLEASES OF
ORANGE COUNTY CONVENTION/CIVIC CENTER LESSEES
FROM STATE SALES TAX

WHEREAS, Orange County, in its proprietary capacity, owns and operates the **Orange County Convention/Civic Center**, which is one of the Nation's outstanding convention hall facilities, and is an asset of incalculable value to the entire State of Florida, and

WHEREAS, numerous cities throughout the Nation also have convention hall facilities which are in direct competition with the said convention facilities owned and operated by Orange County, and

WHEREAS, prospective conventions, public or trade shows, have expressed vigorous and continued objection to the imposition of a Florida State Sales Tax upon proposed subleases entered into by them and have threatened not to come or to return to Orange County because of the imposition of said State Sales Tax; said sublessees conducting display booths, and other facilities being an essential and integral part of the main leases, and

WHEREAS, the return to the State of Florida by the imposition of said sales tax on said subleases is infinitesimal compared to the enormous loss which will result not only to Orange County but the entire State of Florida if said potential lessees of this County's Convention Center facilities refuse to come to Orange County because of the imposition of said onerous sales tax upon subleases;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that the Legislature of the State of Florida be and it is respectfully but firmly petitioned to address itself to the ensuant grave problem confronting this County because of said onerous and destructive sales tax on convention hall facilities' subleases and to retain present exemption exempting said sublessees and subleases from said State Sales Tax;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA that copies of this Resolution be transmitted immediately to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President of the Senate, the Orange County Delegation, and to members of the Senate and House Finance and Taxation Committee and Appropriations Committee.

PASSED and ADOPTED this 23 day of Feb, 1987

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS AT THEIR MEETING
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