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RESOLUTION NO. 88-ENV-03

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3 A RESOLUTION OF THE ORANGE COUNTY COMMISSION SUPPORTING  
4 THE ACQUISITION BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNAL  
5 IMPROVEMENT TRUST FUND OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA OF THE  
6 LOWER ECONLOCKHATCHEE RIVER PROJECT UNDER THE CONSERVATION  
7 AND RECREATION LANDS PROGRAM: PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

8 WHEREAS, the Lower Econlockhatchee River  
9 Project containing approximately 15,000 acres in Seminole  
10 and Volusia Counties, Florida, has been proposed for  
11 ranking under the Conservation and recreation lands  
12 program by the Central Florida Sierra Club and the Central  
13 Florida Native Plant Society. On October 13, 1987 the  
14 project received a unanimous vote by the Land Acquisition  
15 Selection Committee to recommend the project for a  
16 complete evaluation; and

17 WHEREAS, the Lower Econlockhatchee River  
18 Project has approximately 10 miles of frontage on the  
19 Econlockhatchee River, an important tributary encompassing  
20 a significant area within the 10 year floodplain of the  
21 Upper St. Johns River Basin, and a priority area for land  
22 acquisition by the St. Johns River Management District;  
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24 WHEREAS, the Geneva Bubble, a regionally  
25 significant lens of potable water in the Floridan Aquifer  
26 lies beneath a portion of the Project area; and

27 WHEREAS, the Lower Econlockhatchee River  
28 Project encompasses diverse natural communities which have  
29 great value for wildlife habitat, and encompasses land  
30 that is used as the only large mammal migration route  
31 between the St. Johns River basin and the Kissimmee River  
32 basin; and

33 WHEREAS, the Lower Econlockhatchee river  
34 Project has significant archaeological sites within its  
35 boundaries, five of which are on the State of Florida's  
36 Master Site File. The Ais Indians used the river as a  
migration route between the Winter Park area and the  
Indian River to the east. Econlockhatchee possibly means  
river of mounds and it is believed that a considerable  
amount of sites will be discovered once access to the  
property is possible; and

WHEREAS, recent surveys indicate an increasing  
shortfall in East Central Florida's recreational  
opportunities and facilities. the Lower Econlockhatchee  
River Project would provide primitive canoeing, campi@g,  
as well as land for active recreational facilities.  
Infinite educational opportunities are also in the  
project; and

WHEREAS, Development in this rapidly urbanizing  
East Orange County has threatened the Econlockhatchee  
River on many occasions and more recently Martin Marietta  
and International Corporate Park have been granted  
development approval by the Orange County Commission to  
develop areas in the southern headwaters of the river.  
Land acquisition thus is the only solution to preserving  
this river basin.

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NOW THEREFORE BE RESOLVED BY THE ORANGE COUNTY COMMISSION that the Orange County Commission supports the inclusion of the Lower Econlockhatchee River Project on the priority list of the Conservation and Recreation Lands Program, and the acquisition of the project under this program by the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund of the State of Florida.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 28th DAY OF March, 1988

Hal Winston  
VICE CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

Ronnie M. Taylor  
Secretary