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# Resolution

A Resolution of the Orange County Commission  
In Support of a Constitutional Amendment Providing  
That Land Producing High Water Recharge to Florida's  
Aquifers May Be Classified By General Law and  
Assessed Solely on the Basis of Character or Use.

WHEREAS, the primary source of public water supply within the Central Florida region is the groundwater aquifer system; and

WHEREAS, the origin of virtually all groundwater in the State of Florida is rainfall which, through percolation, replenishes the water in the underground aquifers; and

WHEREAS, in Orange County and elsewhere, land of critical importance to aquifer recharge is being covered over with development due to the high growth rate and freezes in 1983 and 1985 which destroyed thousands of acres of orange groves; and

WHEREAS, effective protection of the limited number of recharge areas is necessary to ensure an adequate fresh water supply to the residents and visitors to Central Florida now and in the years ahead or the water-producing capacity of these lands will be lost forever; and

WHEREAS, the 1987 legislature passed a joint resolution submitting to the electors of Florida a proposed constitutional amendment to Section 4 of Article VII of the State Constitution providing for tax incentives on land producing high water recharge to Florida's aquifers;

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved by the Orange County Commission, Orange County, Florida, that:

Section 1. The Orange County Commission supports the creation of effective incentives designed to protect sensitive areas of high recharge and, to the extent that economic incentives can be offered through the proposed constitutional amendment, supports this proposition.

Section 2. The Orange County Commission urges the registered voters of the county to pass this important constitutional amendment which will be instrumental in preserving fresh water supplies here and throughout the State of Florida for our needs and for future generations.

ADOPTED this 20th day of June, 1988.

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APPROVED BY THE ORANGE COUNTY  
COMMISSION AT THEIR MEETING  
JUN 20 1988