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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TOM DORMAN, CHAIRMAN

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