RESOLUTION NO. 88-M-42

RESOLUTION OF THE ORANGE COUNTY COMMISSION PERTAINING TO THE CITIZEN'S COMMISSION FOR CHILDREN; PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION AND PURPOSE OF THE CITIZEN'S COMMISSION FOR CHILDREN; PROVIDING FOR THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE CITIZEN'S COMMISSION FOR CHILDREN; PROVIDING FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF THE CITIZEN'S COMMISSION FOR CHILDREN; PROVIDING FOR A TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE; PROVIDING FOR REPORTS BY THE CITIZEN'S COMMISSION FOR CHILDREN; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the stability of families nationally and locally has been disrupted by high divorce rates, economic pressures, and by an increasingly mobile and transient society; and

WHEREAS, school failure, substance abuse, adolescent pregnancy, and the lack of supervision and recreational opportunities has threatened our children; and

WHEREAS, the Orange County Commission believes that prevention and intervention in children's activities can promote independence, strengthen safe and stable homes, and reduce the need for more costly programs later in life; and

WHEREAS, the Orange County Commission desires to establish a Citizen's Commission for Children for the purpose of bringing community and business leaders together with government officials and human service professionals in order to find solutions and develop programs to address the needs of children and families; and

WHEREAS, Section 125.01(1)(t), Florida Statutes, provides in pertinent part that the governing body of a county may adopt resolutions necessary for the exercise of its powers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ORANGE COUNTY COMMISSION OF ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA:

Section 1. Creation and Purpose. The Citizen's Commission for Children, hereinafter referred to as the
"Commission", is hereby created for the purpose of examining the concerns of children and families in the Central Florida area, establishing priorities for addressing the needs of children and families, focusing public attention on children’s issues, organizing and recommending programs which address the needs of children and families, and identifying funding sources to support the recommended programs.

Section 2. Membership.

(a) The Commission shall be composed of not less than fifteen (15) and not more than twenty-five (25) members, all of whom shall be appointed by the Orange County Commission. Members of the Orange County Commission shall be permitted to serve on the Citizen's Commission for Children.

(b) The Orange County Commission shall designate two co-chairmen from the membership of the Commission.

(c) The term of each appointment shall be for a period of one (1) year, with the first term beginning on October 1, 1988. Members of the Commission may be reappointed to serve for successive terms.

(d) The members of the Commission may be removed for cause upon a majority vote of the Orange County Commission. If any member of the Commission resigns, dies, or is removed for cause, the Orange County Commission shall, within thirty (30) days, fill the vacancy by appointment. Any such appointment shall be for the unexpired term of the office.

(e) The Orange County Commission may remove any member who, without reasonable excuse, fails to attend three (3) meetings of the Commission.

Section 3. Organization.

(a) The organizational meeting of the Commission shall be held no later than October 20, 1988. Further meetings of the Commission shall be held upon the request of the co-chairmen or a majority of the members of the Commission.
All meetings shall be open to the public. A majority of the members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum.

(b) The Commission may adopt such other rules for its operations and proceedings as it deems necessary.

(c) The Commission may form committees from its membership. These committees shall concentrate their efforts on one or more of the following issues, including the identification of specific problems associated with each issue, the formulation of priorities among the problems associated with each issue, the means for developing one or more programs which will address the needs of each issue, and the identification of any available funding sources:

Abuse, Neglect and Dependency
Day Care
Early Childhood Education
Juvenile Justice Issues
Mental Health
Substance Abuse
Adolescent Pregnancy
Health Care
Supervision and Recreational Opportunities

Section 4. Technical Advisory Committee. The Human Services Committee of the Health, Housing and Human Services Task Force of Goals 2000 shall serve as a technical advisory committee to the Commission.

Section 5. Reports. The Commission shall submit a written report to the Orange County Commission on or before June 1, 1989, outlining its preliminary findings. Upon the completion of the goals set forth in this Resolution, the Commission shall submit a final written report to the Orange County Commission detailing its findings and recommendations. Interim reports shall be submitted at the request of the Orange County Commission.

Section 6. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective upon the date of passage.

ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: [Signature]
Chairman,
Orange County Commission

DATE: SEP 19 1988

ATTEST: THOMAS H. LOCKER, Clerk
to the Orange County Commission

BY: [Signature]
Asst. Deputy Clerk

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