WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners (hereinafter the "Commission") is the governing body of Orange County government; and

WHEREAS, the Commission recognizes the Wekiva River as a natural resource of State and regional significance; and

WHEREAS, Governor Martinez, recognizing the State-wide significance of the Wekiva River and the tremendous development pressure threatening the Wekiva River Basin, issued Executive Order #88-26 (February 4, 1988) which established the Wekiva River Task Force; and

WHEREAS, the Wekiva River Task Force exhaustively studied all available options for protection of the Wekiva River and reported to the Governor as its first recommendation the immediate acquisition of existing proposed Conservation and Recreation Lands (CARL) properties (including Seminole Woods); and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has designated Seminole Woods as number one (1) on the priority list of CARL acquisitions and has continually attempted to acquire Seminole Woods through negotiations over several years; and

WHEREAS, Seminole Woods has recently been acquired by development interests in spite of DNR's efforts;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Orange County, Florida;

The Commission urges Governor Martinez, the Cabinet and DNR to take whatever steps are necessary, up to and including eminent domain, to acquire Seminole Woods along with all remaining CARL acquisition properties in the Wekiva River Basin.

ADOPTED THIS ___ DAY OF August, 1989.

ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: [Signature]

Chairman

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