RESOLUTION NO. 89-M-48

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA, DISSOLVING THE ORANGE COUNTY AD HOC CITIZENS' COMMISSION FOR CHILDREN AND CREATING A PERMANENT ORANGE COUNTY CITIZENS' COMMISSION FOR CHILDREN.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Orange County, Florida did, on September 19, 1988, create the Orange County Ad Hoc Citizens' Commission For Children pursuant to Resolution 88-M-42; and

WHEREAS, the work of said Committee has been completed and such work resulted in recommendations recently made by the Committee and the acceptance of such recommendations and action thereon by the Board of County Commissioners of Orange County; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners now desires to create a permanent and perpetual Citizens' Commission For Children.

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

SECTION 1. DISSOLUTION. The Orange County Ad Hoc Citizens' Commission For Children created on September 19, 1988, pursuant to Resolution 88-M-42, is declared to have fulfilled its charge and is hereby dissolved.

SECTION 2. CREATION OF PERMANENT COMMISSION AND PURPOSE. A permanent and perpetual Citizens' Commission For Children, to be known as "The Orange County Citizens' Commission For Children" and hereinafter referred to as the "Commission", is hereby created for the purpose of improving life for children, youth and families in Orange County.

To accomplish this purpose, the Commission shall be the focus for the planning and coordination of services for and on behalf of children, youth and their families in Orange County; shall continuously monitor and evaluate the service needs of children, youth and families; shall serve as a clearinghouse for information regarding children, youth and families; shall serve as an advocate for children, youth and
family services; shall serve as a catalyst for coordinated community responses to the needs of children, youth and families; shall monitor and evaluate the children, youth and family services funded by the County; shall collaborate with other organizations including state and municipal governments, philanthropic organizations and other sectors of the community in joint planning of services for children, youth and families; and shall provide technical assistance including the development of alternative non-governmental funding sources for service provider agencies and organizations.

SECTION 3. MEMBERSHIP, COMPENSATION.

(a) The membership of the Commission shall consist of nine (9) members appointed by the Board of County Commissioners. All members of the Commission shall be electors of Orange County.

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

(c) The Board of County Commissioners may remove any member who, without reasonable excuse, fails to attend three (3) meetings of the Commission within any one (1) calendar year.

(d) Each member shall serve a term of three (3) years and will be eligible for re-appointment.

All initial appointments will be made for the remainder of the calendar year 1989 and, additionally, as follows in order to achieve continuity through the staggering of terms which shall commence January 1, 1990: three (3) members shall be appointed for a term of one year, three (3) members
shall be appointed for a term of two years, and three (3) members shall be appointed for a term of three years.

(e) The members of the Commission shall serve without compensation. No reimbursement of expenses incurred in connection with duties performed by Commission members shall be made unless approved by the Board of County Commissioners.

SECTION 4. MEETINGS.

(a) The Commission shall hold meetings as needed to fulfill its duties, but the Commission shall hold at least four meetings each year.

(b) A majority of the members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum.

(c) All meetings shall be open to the public.

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

SECTION 5. OFFICERS. The Commission shall have authority to elect such officers, including a chairperson or co-chairpersons and promulgate such internal procedures and rules as may be necessary to conduct the business and affairs of the Commission.

SECTION 6. COMMISSION DUTIES: SUBMISSION OF PLAN OF SERVICE.

(a) The Commission shall collect information and data on children, youth and families needs and services in Orange County; shall assist agencies of Orange County government in assessing children, youth and family needs and assessing services related to children, youth and families; shall render advice and recommendations on services to children, youth and families and on such other matters as the Commission considers pertinent to the welfare of the children, youth and families of Orange County; and shall cause to be prepared, and shall submit to the Board of County Commissioners by February 1 of each year, a plan of service for and on behalf of children, youth and families in Orange County.
(b) Included in each plan so submitted shall be a description of current children, youth and families services in Orange County; an assessment of how current services are fulfilling the needs of the children, youth and families of Orange County; any recommendations for improving the delivery of services to children, youth and families of Orange County; and a recommended budget and funding levels for children, youth and families services for the next fiscal year.

(c) The Board of County Commissioners shall formally receive the annual plan, shall request any additions or modifications as it may deem appropriate and shall adopt, modify or reject the plan in whole or in part as it considers proper or necessary.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall become effective upon the date of passage.

ADOPTED THIS 1ST DAY OF August, 1989.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: 

ATTEST:

Martha O. Haynie, Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners

BY: 

Deputy Clerk

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