WHEREAS, Orange County, Florida, is blessed with a considerable amount of acreage with high recharge characteristics; and

WHEREAS, high recharge lands supply a substantial amount of water to the underlying Florida aquifer by percolating and filtering rainwater and stormwater runoff; and

WHEREAS, the Florida aquifer is the primary source of potable water for the residents of Orange County, as well as the State of Florida, thereby constituting an indispensable and vital resource; and

WHEREAS, the Bluebelt Commission considers the need for high resolution maps which can identify parcels as small as 10 acres as critical to the successful implementation of the Bluebelt Constitutional Amendment because a specific level of detail is necessary to identify high recharge lands; and

WHEREAS, the Bluebelt Commission contracted with the U.S. Geological Survey (U.S.G.S.) to produce pilot high resolution study maps, and U.S.G.S. can now expeditiously, efficiently, and effectively prepare complete state-wide high resolution maps; and

WHEREAS, high resolution maps of high recharge lands would be a useful tool in the preparation of state mandated comprehensive plans for all local and regional governments and many state agencies.

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

Section 1. Orange County supports the Bluebelt Commission's request for approval of state funding in the 1990 Legislative Session for production of high resolution maps of high recharge lands covering the entire State of Florida.

Section 2. This resolution of support will be submitted to Alton B. Parker, Chairman, Bluebelt Commission, the Honorable Bob Crawford, President of the Florida Senate, the Honorable Tom Gustafson, Speaker, Florida House of Representatives, and the Honorable Bruce McEwan, Chairman, Local Legislative Delegation.

RESOLVED THIS 29th DAY OF January, 1990.

ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: Hal Masten
Chairman, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: JAN 29 1990

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

BY: Deputy Clerk