WHEREAS, the Florida Taxation and Budget Reform Commission has completed its recommendations on reforms to the state budget and taxation process in the form of four proposed amendments; and

WHEREAS, these proposed amendments reflect the significant efforts of the Commission to consider the many tax and budget problems facing the State; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Orange County commends the work of the Commission and recognizes the tremendous burden of the "double-super" majority voting requirements that were placed upon the Commission and which substantially hindered the decisions of the Commission; and

WHEREAS, the four proposed constitutional amendments consist of: a Taxpayers' Bill of Rights; a package of reforms of the state budgetary process; an amendment to Article VII, Section 3 of the Constitution authorizing municipalities and counties to each levy a one-cent sales tax if approved by the respective citizens through referendum; and an amendment to
Article VII, Section 3 regarding the ad valorem taxation of government leasehold agreements; and

WHEREAS, the Commission solicited the comment of local government officials throughout their two-year process, and consistently evaluated and considered the financial needs of Florida municipalities in their deliberations; and

WHEREAS, the proposed sales tax for cities and counties would not be restricted as to the use of the funds, and would significantly enhance the revenue sources of cities and counties, and is in keeping with a significant goal to involve citizens in establishing the taxing structure of the cities and counties; and

WHEREAS, County and City officials are in the unique and significant position to help educate their citizens on the benefits of this proposed Constitutional amendment prior to the November elections.

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

Section 1. That the Board of County Commissioners of Orange County, Florida does support the proposed amendment, No. 6, which would authorize counties and cities to levy a one-cent sales tax with voter approval, and urges all county and city officials to support this amendment and to educate their citizens of the benefits of this amendment.
Section 2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the editorial board of the major newspapers published within Orange County, Florida.

ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: [Signature]
County Chairman

DATE: 8-31-92

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

BY: [Signature]
Deputy Clerk

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