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RESOLUTION NO. 93-M-66

A RESOLUTION STATING ORANGE COUNTY'S
ENDORSEMENT AND SUPPORT BLUEBELT
IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE
DATE.

WHEREAS, on July 27, 1993, Polk County adopted a Resolution proposing a method of limited implementation of the 1988 Bluebelt Amendment to the Florida Constitution to occur in Polk, Lake and Orange Counties since that area is the potentiometric high-pressure point for the Floridan aquifer; and

WHEREAS, Orange County has received a request from Polk County to endorse and pursue legislative enactment of a Bluebelt implementation bill along with Polk and Lake Counties; and

WHEREAS, the Orange County Board of County Commissioners deems it to be in the best interest of the County to join in such request as more particularly set forth below.

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

1. Orange County shall join with Polk and Lake Counties in petitioning the Legislature for a Bluebelt implementation bill which would provide that these three counties be a pilot test area to determine how such ad valorem changes would affect the revenue structure of County government and how it would benefit recharge of the Floridan aquifer.

2. Such a Bluebelt implementation bill should provide for the Water Management Districts, in which the individual

1 parcels of and applying for Bluebelt exemption are located,
2 to restore any reduction in revenues occurring in these three
3 counties, both as to the Board of County Commissioners and
4 the School Board of each affected County for the life of the
5 pilot implementation of the Bluebelt concept in these three
6 counties.

7 3. The Orange County Board of County Commissioners
8 requests that:

9 A. The Legislative Delegations from Polk, Lake and
10 Orange Counties jointly sponsor and work towards adoption of
11 Bluebelt implementation bill in the next session of the
12 Legislature, and

13 B. Governor Lawton Chiles, Speaker Bo Johnson, and
14 President Pat Thomas be approached to support such
15 legislative efforts, and

16 C. The Boards of St. Johns Water Management
17 District, South West Florida Water Management District, and
18 South Florida Water Management District, be approached to
19 support such legislation.

20 4. The Staff of Orange County is authorized and
21 requested to actively pursue implementation of this
22 Resolution with Polk and Lake Counties, and seek support from
23 their respective legislative delegations and from the Boards'
24 of the Water Management Districts.

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5. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED THIS 26TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1993.

ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: Bill Donegan
FOR THE County Chairman

DATE: _____

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

BY: Emily R. Stept
Deputy Clerk

