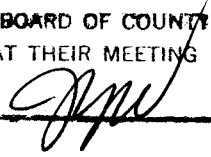


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**ORANGE COUNTY COMMISSION
RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF
THE NEW ORLANDO SCIENCE CENTER AND
A COMMITMENT TO PROVIDE \$9 MILLION IN
MATCHING DOLLARS FOR THE FLORIDA PECO FUND**

WHEREAS, the Orlando Science Center has for decades enriched this community as a resource of introduction and engagement of our residents and children to the fascinating world of science and discovery; and has served over 365,000 local citizens over the last fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, a new Orlando Science Center will be a dynamic educational facility for science education in Central Florida, serving demographically and culturally diverse families, students, teachers, and adults; and

WHEREAS, this new center will be developed in such a way as to promote innovative, inviting, and educationally effective hands-on programs and exhibits that will engage visitors of all ages and interests in active learning through exploration and discovery; and

WHEREAS, these new programs and exhibits will support K-12 school curricula in an actual laboratory outside the traditional classroom and will also serve professional development needs of teachers and teachers-in-training through a partnership with UCF, Rollins and Valencia Community College; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature has committed \$16,000,000 in Public Education Capital Outlay to be matched by an equal amount of locally generated dollars plus other resources to provide a \$40,000,000 budget to construct this exciting project, which will focus on basic science, applied technologies, and careers in science and technology; and

WHEREAS, this regional facility will provide opportunities for over 700,000 people per year; and

WHEREAS, the Orange County Commission recognizes that this is an unparalleled opportunity to procure funds from the State of Florida and matching funds from neighboring governments for the development of a regional science center; and

WHEREAS, the Orange County Commission recognizes the immediate and ongoing economic development impact to the local economy that this new regional facility will provide.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Orange County Commission approves a contribution of \$9 million over a period of years which will be to develop the NEW Orlando Science Center matched by the State of Florida, Department of Education Public Education Capital Outlay (PECO) funds; and that this allocation will act as the stimulus for contributions from neighboring governments; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Commission approves the Comprehensive Fund Raising Plan that was approved and is being implemented by the Orlando Science Center Board of Trustees; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Orange County Commission is relying on the commitment from the Orlando Science Center Board of Trustees and Staff to raise the remaining funds from other sources prior to the opening of the NEW Orlando Science Center; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Commission looks with optimism to the future contributions that the NEW Orlando Science Center will provide our citizens, children, teachers, and community by enhancing the quality of our lives through the basic sciences, applied technologies, and careers.

~~APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS AT THEIR MEETING~~

**ORLANDO SCIENCE CENTER
Fund Raising Time Frame
Phase III/Private Sector**

TARGET DATE	CUMULATIVE GOAL
December, 1993	\$.5 million
July, 1994	\$1.0 million
December, 1994	\$1.5 million
July, 1995	\$2.5 million
December, 1995	\$3.5 million
July, 1996	\$5 million

August, 1993