A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA URGING THE CONTINUED APPROPRIATION OF FUNDING FOR PRESERVATION 2000

WHEREAS, Orange County citizens have advanced environmental land preservation efforts to locally fund a county wide preservation program; and

WHEREAS, Preservation 2000 is a ten-year program designed to acquire and therefore save Florida’s best remaining natural land, and is the state’s most comprehensive land protection program; and

WHEREAS, Florida’s rate of population growth and conversion of natural areas continue to threaten our natural systems; and

WHEREAS, Preservation 2000 is now in the fifth year of operation and has already preserved over 500,000 acres of environmentally sensitive land; and

WHEREAS, Preservation 2000 provides protection of environmentally sensitive areas through acquisition rather than regulation thereby also protecting private property rights; and

WHEREAS, Preservation 2000 has provided funding for the West Orange Greenway, Split Oak Forest, Shingle Creek Swamp, and the BMK Ranch located here in Orange County; and

WHEREAS, Preservation 2000 affords an opportunity for a partnership between Orange County, other local governments, Water Management Districts and the State to protect environmentally sensitive lands and support the implementation of our county comprehensive plan; and

WHEREAS, Orange County recognizes the importance of Preservation 2000 in enabling the implementation of conservation goals, growth management and comprehensive land use plans,

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

Section 1: That the Orange County Board of County Commissioners hereby urges the Legislature of the State of Florida to support in any appropriate way the efforts to sustain Preservation 2000, to secure a permanent funding source for the remaining years of the Preservation 2000 Program, and to appropriate funding for the sixth series of Preservation 2000 bonds.

Section 2. That the County Clerk is hereby directed to furnish copies of this Resolution to the members of the Orange County Legislative Delegation and to The Nature Conservancy.
RESOLVED THIS 4th DAY OF April, 1995.

ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: Linda W. Chapin Bob Freeman
    County Chairman

FOR

ATTEST:

BY: Allene Stapleton
    Clerk to the Board of
    County Commissioners