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Resolution No. 96-M-05

**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 sixth 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 Trail, 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 seventh series of Preservation 2000 bonds.

Section 2: That the existing distribution formula for Preservation 2000 monies be kept intact.

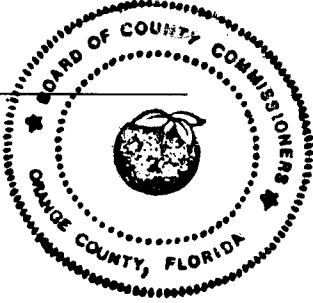
Section 3. That the County Clerk is hereby directed to furnish copies of this Resolution to the members of the Orange County Legislative Delegation and to The Nature Conservancy.

RESOLVED THIS 9TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1995⁶.

ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: Linda W. Chapin
Linda W. Chapin
County Chairman

for



ATTEST:

BY: Rosilyn M. Stapleton
~~Allona Stapleton~~ Rosilyn M. Stapleton
Clerk to the Board of
County Commissioners