

APPROVED
BY ORANGE COUNTY BOARD
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

SEP 26 2000 *AM/BS*

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS IN SUPPORT OF THE ESTUARY
HABITAT RESTORATION ACT OF 2000**

Resolution Number 2000-M-48

WHEREAS, Orange County finds that the preservation of the natural beauty of Lake Apopka in the interest of public rights, safety, and welfare, and;

WHEREAS, Lake Apopka is the third largest lake in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Lake Apopka provides a roosting area, nesting area, and feeding area for several known threatened and endangered bird species as well as for migratory birds; and

WHEREAS, Lake Apopka offers significant recreational opportunities for the citizens of Orange County and visitors to the area; and

WHEREAS, Lake Apopka has been identified as a national estuary of significance in need of restoration under the Estuary Restoration Act of 2000;

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved by the Board of County Commissioners, Orange County, Florida, that:

Section 1. Orange County supports the determination of the Estuary Restoration Act of 2000 identifying Lake Apopka as a national estuary of significance in need of restoration; and

Section 2. Orange County, Florida urges the Florida legislature to support this legislation and endorse the appointment a local representative to the Southeast Region Estuary Habitat Restoration Council.

DONE AND ORDERED this 26th day of September, 2000.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By: *Mel Martinez*
Mel Martinez, Orange County Chairman

ATTEST:

By: *[Signature]*
Deputy Clerk

