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# RESOLUTION

*of the*

## ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

*regarding*

### OPPOSING THE REALLOCATION OR REDUCTION OF PRESERVATION 2000 AND FLORIDA FOREVER FUNDING

RESOLUTION NO. 2001-M-13

#### PREMISES

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Legislature has for the past decade approved funding for Preservation 2000, and these funds have been allocated to programs for the preservation of many of Florida's unique ecosystems; and

**WHEREAS**, with nearly a decade of successes through Preservation 2000, the voters approved a constitutional amendment to extend the state's land preservation funding; and

**WHEREAS**, to continue this commitment to preserving Florida's natural areas and the restoration of degraded lands, the Florida Legislature has approved legislation establishing Florida Forever; and

**WHEREAS**, the joint funding provided by Florida Forever will help local governments and the state work together in a more effective manner to the benefit of the citizens of Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, actions taken by the Senate's Appropriations Committee would effectively substitute Preservation 2000 funding for the general revenue funding slated for the Everglades Restoration Project, so that said general funds can be spent elsewhere; and

**WHEREAS**, the actions proposed by the Senate would direct that up to \$100 million in funds from Florida Forever replace future general revenue funding for the Everglades Restoration Project, so that said general funds can be spent elsewhere; and

**WHEREAS**, enactment of the proposed legislation would be inconsistent with previous commitments made by the Florida Legislature that authorized revenue based funding for the Everglades Restoration Project; and

**WHEREAS**, this conversion of funds from Preservation 2000 puts land acquisition projects throughout Florida in jeopardy; and

**WHEREAS**, it is essential to the validity and success of Preservation 2000 and Florida Forever that the legislature maintain the funding commitments for these programs, and that funding for the Everglades Restoration Project be provided through state general revenue funds.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA AT THEIR REGULAR MEETING ASSEMBLED THIS 17 DAY OF April 2001:**

Section 1. The Orange County Board of County Commissioners hereby authorizes the Orange County Chairman to sign letters to the Speaker of the House and President of the Senate expressing his opposition, together with a copy of this resolution, and hereby directs that a copy of these letters and resolution be sent to the Orange County Legislative Delegation and the Governor of the State of Florida.

**ADOPTED** this 17 day of April 2001.

ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: *Richard T. Crotty*  
Richard T. Crotty, Orange County Chairman

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

BY: *Martha O. Haynie*  
Deputy Clerk

