

APPROVED
BY ORANGE COUNTY BOARD
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MAY 14 2002 *ja/TD*

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS OF ORANGE COUNTY,
FLORIDA IN SUPPORT OF THE LAKE APOPKA
BASIN PLANNING INITIATIVE**

2002-M-14

WHEREAS, a private non-profit citizen advocacy group dedicated to the restoration of Lake Apopka—the Friends of Lake Apopka, Inc. (FOLA)—was formed in 1991; and

WHEREAS, FOLA has committed itself to halting pollution discharge into Lake Apopka; promoting and encouraging all feasible proposals aimed at the restoration of the Lake Apopka Basin; encouraging local, state, and federal agencies to work in cooperation toward lake restorations; and promoting awareness through educational activities regarding the restoration of Lake Apopka; and

WHEREAS, FOLA, Orange County, Lake County, and the cities of Apopka, Ocoee, Winter Garden, Oakland, Clermont, and the Town of Montverde joined together in 1999 to undertake the Lake Apopka Basin Planning Initiative and promote regional cooperation in the effort to restore Lake Apopka; and

WHEREAS, the Lake Apopka Basin Steering Committee, comprising elected officials from these jurisdictions and sponsored by the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council with the support of FOLA and other non-profit advocacy groups, has given oversight and guidance to the planning initiative; and

WHEREAS, the Steering Committee adopted a strategically-oriented work program to promote basin activities having the potential to enhance the environmental quality and sensitive development of the basin, including nature-based tourism and recreation, through five issues areas including shoreline protection, greenways and trails, viewsheds, public access, and natural setting;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Orange County Board of County Commissioners hereby commends the Friends of Lake Apopka, Inc. on its initiatives for the Lake Apopka Restoration and expresses its support for the regional cooperative efforts related to the greenways, trails, and recreational aspects of the Lake Apopka Basin.

DONE AND RESOLVED this 14th day of May, 2002.

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

By: *Richard T. Crotty*
Richard T. Crotty, County Chairman

5.16.02
Date

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

By: *Martha O. Haynie*
Deputy Clerk

