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**RESOLUTION
OF THE ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS**

urging

**THE GOVERNOR AND THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO AMEND
LEGISLATION TO ALLOW A PARENT OR GUARDIAN TO
REVIEW THEIR CHILD'S FLORIDA COMPREHENSIVE
ASSESSMENT TEST (FCAT)**

2004-M-16

WHEREAS, the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT) is a statewide test, given to all public schools students, intended to measure the knowledge and skills students are expected to acquire between grades K through 12; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida also uses the FCAT to decide whether third grade students will advance to the fourth grade and twelfth grade students will graduate from high school with a standard diploma; and

WHEREAS, the current FCAT policy will have a significant impact on otherwise qualified individuals seeking employment, careers in the military or opportunities in college; and

WHEREAS, the FCAT results are not currently available to parents and students; and

WHEREAS, parents and guardians should have access to review their child's FCAT scores; and

WHEREAS, the exam should be made available for parents and guardians to review under secure conditions to ensure the tests are graded fairly and accurately, that test items are age appropriate and culturally unbiased, and to see where their child needs additional help.

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

The Orange County Board of County Commissioners hereby supports the passage of legislation which will allow parents and students to review the child's FCAT results under secure conditions.

ADOPTED THIS 6TH DAY OF APRIL, 2004.

ORANGE COUNTY FLORIDA

By: Board of County Commissioners

By:

Richard T. Crotty

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Orange County Chairman

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

By:

Martha O. Haynie
Deputy Clerk



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