

APPROVED

BY ORANGE COUNTY BOARD
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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RESOLUTION NO. 2007-M-49

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN SUPPORT OF CONTINUED FUNDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COLLEGE OF MEDICINE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA AND THE FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

WHEREAS, the University of Central Florida has grown to become regionally and nationally recognized for many of its academic and research programs; and

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2006, the State Board of Governors approved the establishment of medical schools for the University of Central Florida and Florida International University; and

WHEREAS, the College of Medicine at UCF and the FIU College of Medicine will produce about 240 new M.D. graduates each year, contribute to the creation of new medical and surgical residencies, and enhance the economic development of the state of Florida; and

WHEREAS, the College of Medicine at UCF is the cornerstone of the newly planned "Medical City" at Lake Nona and will serve as the catalyst for the growth of bio medical research activities; and

WHEREAS, significant physician shortages exist and are projected in the state of Florida, and the establishment of these medical colleges will serve local communities, the state, and the nation by providing needed doctors and improved health care; and

WHEREAS, an economic study shows that the UCF medical school alone will generate \$1.4 billion in annual economic activity, add 6,400 jobs by the tenth year of operation, and elevate UCF as a research institute;

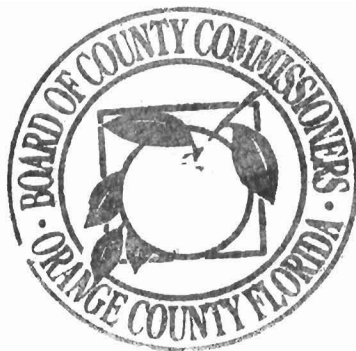
NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Orange County, Florida that:

Section 1. The establishment of medical schools at the University of Central Florida and at Florida International University is vital to both communities' efforts to increase opportunities for medical education in Florida, provide needed doctors, improve health care, boost the economy, and create new opportunities for citizens.


Section 2. The Orange County Board of County Commissioners urges the members of the Florida Legislature to maintain funding for the establishment of the College of Medicine at the University of Central Florida and the Florida International University College of Medicine.

Section 3. A copy of this resolution shall be transmitted to the President of the Florida Senate, the Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives, and members of the Orange County Legislative Delegation.


ADOPTED THIS 18th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2007.



ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
Board of County Commissioners

By: 
Richard T. Crotty
Orange County Mayor

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

By: 
Deputy Clerk