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RESOLUTION

of the
ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
regarding

**SUPPORT FOR A UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA
DOWNTOWN CAMPUS; SUPPORT FOR ADEQUATE STATE
FUNDING; EXPRESSING ITS INTENT TO COMMIT COUNTY
FUNDS SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS; AND
PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

Resolution No. 2015-M-39

WHEREAS, the University of Central Florida ("UCF") was founded in 1963 by the Florida Legislature and opened in 1968 as Florida Technological University and subsequently changed its name to the University of Central Florida in 1978; and

WHEREAS, UCF is the second largest university in the country with well over 60,000 students; and

WHEREAS, UCF would like to expand to a downtown campus and relocate academic programs from its School of Visual Arts and Design, the Nicholson School of Communication and programs in the College of Health and Public Affairs to such downtown campus; and

WHEREAS, Orange County and UCF have had a long standing collaborative relationship in the areas of education, economic development and entrepreneurial and small business support; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners now desires to adopt this resolution.

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

Section 1. The Board hereby affirms its support for a downtown Orlando UCF campus and recognizes the educational advancement that downtown Orlando and its businesses and community institutions will provide to the students in those programs selected for relocation to the proposed downtown campus and hereby encourages the Board of Governors to approve the UCF downtown proposal.

Section 2. The Board recognizes the leadership and funding recommended by the Florida legislature during the 2015 legislative session, and encourages the Florida legislature to provide the necessary state funding in the 2016 legislative session to contribute towards the construction of the UCF downtown campus.

Section 3. Furthermore, the Board hereby expresses its intent to commit three million dollars (\$3,000,000) as a local County contribution towards the construction of the UCF downtown Orlando campus, with such contribution being contingent upon:

- (i) the successful raising of funds from a combination of legislative appropriations during the 2016 legislative session, philanthropic donations and other sources for the construction of the new academic building in the UCF downtown campus, as well as the necessary and appropriate approvals by the Florida Board of Governors; and

- (ii) the execution of a long term lease to the County at nominal consideration of the property known as the UCF of South Orlando Center, located at 7300 Lake Ellenor Drive, Orlando.

Section 4. Effective Date. This resolution shall become effective upon the date of adoption.

ADOPTED THIS ____ DAY OF ^{NOV 03 2015} _____, 2015.

ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
By: Board of County Commissioners

By: *Teresa Jacobs*
Teresa Jacobs
Orange County Mayor

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

By: *Kate Smith*
Deputy Clerk

