

URGING THE IMMEDIATE REALLOCATION OF FUNDS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES IN ORDER TO FUND RESEARCH INTO THE CAUSE, TRANSMISSION AND CURE OF ACQUIRED IMMUNE DEFICIENCY SYNDROME

WHEREAS, the current epidemic of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (A.I.D.S.) represents a grave health crisis; and

WHEREAS, the mortality rate from this disease approaches eighty percent of those affected after two years; and

WHEREAS, the incidence of A.I.D.S. continues to increase at an extraordinary and alarming rate; and

WHEREAS, the disease affects a broad base of the population, and that base is continually broadening; and

WHEREAS, the disease has serious implications for the safety of the nation's blood supply, and effective blood screening methods may be developed; and

WHEREAS, little is known about the cause, transmission, or treatment of this disease; and

WHEREAS, A.I.D.S. therefore poses a grave threat to the health of the general population; and

WHEREAS, without immediate, massive and intensive research efforts, this epidemic is likely to claim an increasing and absolutely unacceptable number of victims;

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

- SECTION 1. That we urge that significant new funds be reallocated immediately within the Department of Health and Human Services to greatly increase both extramural and intramural research into the cause, transmission, and cure of A.I.D.S.; and
- SECTION 2. That toward this end, the National Institute of Health and the Center for Disease Control immediately solicit further proposals for research into A.I.D.S. from the scientific and medical community, and that these proposals be evaluated and funded with the dispatch and generosity which this health emergency requires; and
- SECTION 3. That copies of this Resolution be sent to President Ronald Reagan; Secretary of Health and Human Services, Margaret Heckler; Assistant Secretary of Health, Edward Brandt; to the Directors of the National Institute of Health; the Center for Disease Control; the National Cancer Institute and the National Institute for Allergies and Infectious Diseases;
- SECTION 4. That copies of this Resolution be provided to the Central Florida Congressional Delegation to assist in their efforts to obtain A.I.D.S. funding.

DULY ADOPTED in regular session this 25th day of April, 1983.

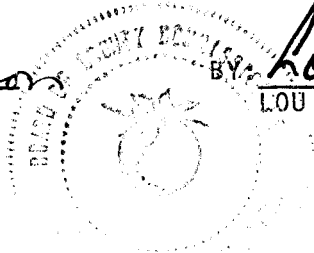
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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

THOMAS H. LOCKER, Clerk
Board of County Commissioners

BY:

Mary J. Garrison
DEPUTY CLERK



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LOU TREADWAY, CHAIRMAN