

RESOLUTION NO. 88-M-42

RESOLUTION OF THE ORANGE COUNTY COMMISSION PERTAINING TO THE CITIZEN'S COMMISSION FOR CHILDREN; PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION AND PURPOSE OF THE CITIZEN'S COMMISSION FOR CHILDREN; PROVIDING FOR THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE CITIZEN'S COMMISSION FOR CHILDREN; PROVIDING FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF THE CITIZENS COMMISSION FOR CHILDREN; PROVIDING FOR A TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE; PROVIDING FOR REPORTS BY THE CITIZENS COMMISSION FOR CHILDREN; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the stability of families nationally and locally has been disrupted by high divorce rates, economic pressures, and by an increasingly mobile and transient society; and

WHEREAS, school failure, substance abuse, adolescent pregnancy, and the lack of supervision and recreational opportunities has threatened our children; and

WHEREAS, the Orange County Commission believes that prevention and intervention in children's activities can promote independence, strengthen safe and stable homes, and reduce the need for more costly programs later in life; and

WHEREAS, the Orange County Commission desires to establish a Citizen's Commission for Children for the purpose of bringing community and business leaders together with government officials and human service professionals in order to find solutions and develop programs to address the needs of children and families; and

WHEREAS, Section 125.01(1)(t), Florida Statutes, provides in pertinent part that the governing body of a county may adopt resolutions necessary for the exercise of its powers.

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

Section 1. Creation and Purpose. The Citizen's Commission for Children, hereinafter referred to as the

1 "Commission", is hereby created for the purpose of examining
2 the concerns of children and families in the Central Florida
3 area, establishing priorities for addressing the needs of
4 children and families, focusing public attention on
5 children's issues, organizing and recommending programs which
6 address the needs of children and families, and identifying
7 funding sources to support the recommended programs.

8 Section 2. Membership.

9 (a) The Commission shall be composed of not less than
10 fifteen (15) and not more than twenty-five (25) members, all
11 of whom shall be appointed by the Orange County Commission.
12 Members of the Orange County Commission shall be permitted to
13 serve on the Citizen's Commission for Children.

14 (b) The Orange County Commission shall designate two
15 co-chairmen from the membership of the Commission.

16 (c) The term of each appointment shall be for a period
17 of one (1) year, with the first term beginning on October 1,
18 1988. Members of the Commission may be reappointed to serve
19 for successive terms.

20 (d) The members of the Commission may be removed for
21 cause upon a majority vote of the Orange County Commission.
22 If any member of the Commission resigns, dies, or is removed
23 for cause, the Orange County Commission shall, within thirty
24 (30) days, fill the vacancy by appointment. Any such
25 appointment shall be for the unexpired term of the office.

26 (e) The Orange County Commission may remove any member
27 who, without reasonable excuse, fails to attend three (3)
28 meetings of the Commission.

29 Section 3. Organization.

30 (a) The organizational meeting of the Commission shall
31 be held no later than October 20, 1988. Further meetings of
32 the Commission shall be held upon the request of the
33 co-chairmen or a majority of the members of the Commission.

1 All meetings shall be open to the public. A majority of the
2 members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum.

3 (b) The Commission may adopt such other rules for its
4 operations and proceedings as it deems necessary.

5 (c) The Commission may form committees from its mem-
6 bership. These committees shall concentrate their efforts on
7 one or more of the following issues, including the identi-
8 fication of specific problems associated with each issue, the
9 formulation of priorities among the problems associated with
10 each issue, the means for developing one or more programs
11 which will address the needs of each issue, and the identi-
12 fication of any available funding sources:

- 13 Abuse, Neglect and Dependency
- 14 Day Care
- 15 Early Childhood Education
- 16 Juvenile Justice Issues
- 17 Mental Health
- 18 Substance Abuse
- 19 Adolescent Pregnancy
- 20 Health Care
- 21 Supervision and Recreational Opportunities

22 Section 4. Technical Advisory Committee. The Human
23 Services Committee of the Health, Housing and Human Services
24 Task Force of Goals 2000 shall serve as a technical advisory
25 committee to the Commission.

26 Section 5. Reports. The Commission shall submit a
27 written report to the Orange County Commission on or before
28 June 1, 1989, outlining its preliminary findings. Upon the
29 completion of the goals set forth in this Resolution, the
30 Commission shall submit a final written report to the Orange
31 County Commission detailing its findings and recommenda-
32 tions. Interim reports shall be submitted at the request of
33 the Orange County Commission.

34 Section 6. Effective Date. This Resolution shall
35 become effective upon the date of passage.

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ADOPTED THIS 19th DAY OF September, 1988.

ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: Tom Newman
Chairman,
Orange County Commission

DATE: SEP 19 1988

ATTEST: THOMAS H. LOCKER, Clerk
to the Orange County Commission

BY: Paul M. Skyles
Asst. Deputy Clerk