

RESOLUTION
OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE

Central Florida Hotel & Lodging Association

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Central Florida Hotel & Lodging Association, wants the hospitality industry in Florida generally, and the hospitality industry in Orange County specifically, to be the best it can be; and

WHEREAS, lodging establishments collect their respective county's Tourist Development Taxes from patrons that stay overnight on their property; and

WHEREAS, Florida State Statutes establish the legal uses of the Tourist Development Tax for the purpose of generating tourism so as perpetuate revenue for the Tourist Development Tax and its respective local community's economy; and

WHEREAS, the Central Florida Hotel & Lodging Association is a proud community partner and supports positive community endeavors; and

WHEREAS, the Association initiated and endorsed imposing an additional Tourist Development Tax penny, for the purposes of funding equally added destination marketing as well as the three proposed downtown Orlando community venues; and

WHEREAS, Orange County Commissioners are elected by the voters within their respective districts to represent them, as well as to make decisions for the collective good of all Orange County residents; and

WHEREAS, the Orange County Commission routinely votes on comprehensive and legally binding financial items, such as the county's multi-billion dollar budget; and

WHEREAS, the Orange County Commission has been arduous in its due diligence for citizen input by having hosted five separate county community meetings, coupled with the input garnered from residents during the many City of Orlando community meetings and public hearings; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors, along with hospitality industry partners, strongly encourages the Orange County Commission to support allocating revenue from the Tourist Development Tax, to be applied towards the financing of the three downtown Orlando community venues, and further encourages the Commission to not delay this decision, and move forward by administering their constitutional authority to vote on this important community matter.

RESOLVED this 16th day of July, 2007.

Greg Hauenstein, CFHLA Chairperson

Richard Maladecki, CFHLA President