

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the genesis of Nemours is found in the will of Alfred I. duPont where he expressed his desire to alleviate human suffering; and

WHEREAS, Nemours was incorporated in 1936 and currently receives funding through the Alfred I. duPont Testamentary Trust and the Edward Ball Estate; and

WHEREAS, in 1940 Nemours opened its first health care institution, what is now the Alfred I. duPont Hospital for children, located in Delaware, and today operates its stand alone children's hospital in Delaware and numerous children health care clinics in Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Florida; and

WHEREAS, since establishing its Orlando clinic in 1997 through 2005, Nemours has provided over \$140 million in Mission support to Central Florida and currently employs a total of more than 200 associates and physicians covering numerous specialties and hospital based physicians; and

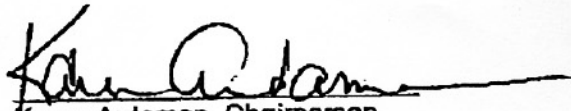
WHEREAS, currently, the pediatric specialty practices and clinics of Nemours operating in Orlando, Pensacola and Jacksonville have invested over \$500 million in mission support in the state of Florida, have treated almost 800,000 Florida children, employ over 130 physicians in the State, and have had an economic impact of \$240 million annually; and

WHEREAS, The Nemours Orlando Children's Hospital along with UCF Medical School, a VA hospital, Burnham Institute, and our two existing community hospitals, will create a "medical center of excellence" that will benefit our children, our families and our region; and

WHEREAS, the Nemours Orlando Children's Hospital will target patients with complex pediatric disease issues that require highly specialized resources and integrated patient management without regard to governmental subsidies.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD OF ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA, does recommend Nemours Orlando Children's Hospital is in the best interest of the citizens of Orange County and our region and encourages other municipalities and local governments to publicly express their support.

DONE, ORDERED AND ADOPTED, in regular session, this 27th Day of March, 2007 A.D.


 Karen Ardaman, Chairperson
 School Board of Orange County
 Orange County, Florida

ATTEST:

