



County of Orange

JIM PALMER OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY PLANNER & LEADER

On the motion of Supervisor Cynthia P. Coad, Chair of the Orange County Board of Supervisors, duly seconded and carried, the following Resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, Jim Palmer completed his service as the Chairman of the Housing and Community Development Department Commission for 2000, 2001, and 2002; and

WHEREAS, Jim Palmer led the process of reducing government overhead by combining the H&CD Advisory Board, the H&CD Housing Authority Commission and the H&CD Operations Reserve Board into one H&CD Commission. This action not only reduced government administrative costs but streamlined the process for citizens participation; and

WHEREAS, Jim Palmer has demonstrated his desire to make a difference in the areas of homelessness and affordable housing by volunteering hundreds of hours of leadership to the Commission and the Community; and

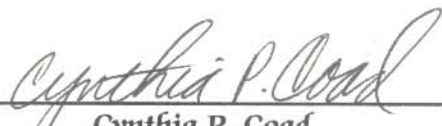
WHEREAS, Jim Palmer has facilitated an environment within the H&CD Department that encourages the Department Leadership to think outside of the box and increase the level of service. This increase is demonstrated by the number of affordable housing units growing from 15 units in 2000 to 683 units in 2001 and now 679 in 2002; and


WHEREAS, Jim Palmer has led a strategic approach in competition for additional Housing Vouchers for Orange County. The result has been that H&CD has been awarded 740 additional certificates in 2000 and 820 additional certificates in 2001, which allows H&CD to house more than 8,900 households; and

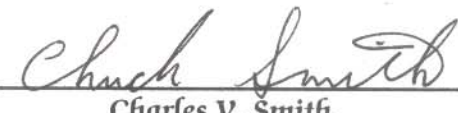
WHEREAS, Jim Palmer champions the use of leveraged funds and H&CD affordable housing programs have been successfully leveraged by over \$115 million dollars in non-county funds in 2001.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Orange County Board of Supervisors does hereby recognize his contributions, commends his efforts, and thanks Jim Palmer for his strong leadership role in the Housing and Community Development Commission and Department.

December 17, 2002


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