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**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING CURRENT STATE-APPROVED  
CITRUS CANKER REGULATIONS AND OPPOSING  
PROPOSED, NEW UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF  
AGRICULTURE (USDA) REGULATIONS**

WHEREAS, Manatee County is an important citrus producing and citrus shipping county with annual sales of over \$30 million, with citrus acreage approximately 20,000 acres, ranking 12th in the State;

WHEREAS, citrus canker regulations in place providing for 1/2 mile radius quarantine and 1 mile modified quarantine have been effective in curtailing the spread strain "A" canker for the past several years;

WHEREAS, confirmed scientific proof is lacking that the disease is mobile from natural vectors;

WHEREAS, existing natural boundaries in Manatee County prevent the spread of the disease by natural causes;

WHEREAS, all infected and suspected citrus trees have been destroyed;

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services has already established and approved the 1/2 to 1-mile radius quarantine area;

WHEREAS, proposed new USDA regulations would extend the radius quarantine areas to a 5 miles basis and provide extreme economic hardship to owners of 5,200 acres of groves, approximately 25% of Manatee County's total citrus acreage;

WHEREAS, proposed USDA co-mingling and intra-state shipping regulations would cause significant economic loss to fresh fruit shippers in Manatee County;

WHEREAS, proposed USDA regulations concerning the quarantine of backyard citrus fruit would cause undue hardship to thousands of Manatee County citizens and would be extremely difficult to enforce;

WHEREAS, proposed new USDA regulations would require tarpaulins to be placed over all commercial vehicles hauling citrus passing through Manatee County, causing undue hardship and cost to non-Manatee County shippers of citrus;

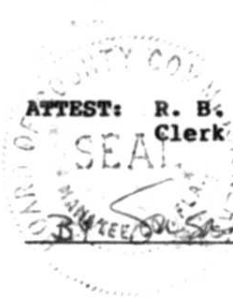
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Manatee County Board of County Commissioners supports the continuation of the 1/2 to 1-mile radius quarantine and opposes new and onerous USDA regulations which would do damage to Manatee County citrus producers and shippers and cause undue hardship for thousands of ordinary citizens.

ADOPTED IN OPEN SESSION, a quorum present and voting, this 1st day of May, 1990.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: *Fabricia M. Glenn*  
CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: R. B. Shore  
Clerk of Circuit Court

 *Susan L. Branch D.C.*