

RESOLUTION R-97-047

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE ISSUANCE OF A SPECIALTY LICENSE PLATE PROMOTING ADOPTION OF CHILDREN; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, approximately 1.2 million unwanted pregnancies are being terminated in the United States annually; and,

WHEREAS, approximately 68,000 unwanted pregnancies are being terminated in the state of Florida annually; and,

WHEREAS, the sanctity of human life is of foremost importance to the many counselors who encourage women to offer for adoption their unwanted children instead of terminating a pregnancy; and,

WHEREAS, the sanctity of human life is of equal importance to thousands of Florida residents, who voluntarily support the adoption effort; and,

WHEREAS, at this time there are currently several thousand children in foster care and institutions awaiting adoption, including 1700 special needs children.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, that:

- 1) The Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida does hereby support the issuance of a specialty license plate which can be purchased voluntarily by Florida residents at an increased price above the normal rate, with such additional funds being returned to respective counties for distribution to an agency or agencies that will utilize such funds to assist in adoption.
- 2) This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED with a quorum present and voting this February 18, 1997.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By: *Kevin M. Glass*
Chairman 2/19/97

**ATTEST: R. B. Share
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT**

By: *Susan A. Rose*