

RESOLUTION

of the

ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

regarding

AFFIRMING ITS SUPPORT FOR THE STATE ATTORNEY'S OFFICE ADULT CIVIL CITATION DIVERSION PROGRAM IN THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA FOR ORANGE COUNTY

Resolution No. 2022- M-08

WHEREAS, in the fall of 2020, Orange County, Florida experienced a string of shootings involving children 17 and younger, resulting in two fatalities, including one child who was just three years old;

WHEREAS, in light of those shootings, Orange County Mayor Jerry L. Demings, in consultation with community members and leaders, created the Orange County Citizens Safety Task Force (the "Task Force");

WHEREAS, the Task Force was made up of persons from diverse backgrounds, including young adults, youth mentors, faith-based leaders, behavioral health professionals, community advocates, and law enforcement representatives;

WHEREAS, four subcommittees of the Task Force were formed to address Prevention, Intervention, Enforcement, and Prosecution of gun violence and violent crime county-wide, based on data-driven research;

WHEREAS, the subcommittees met regularly and frequently to develop solutions and strategies to address the long-standing problem of gun violence and violent crime in Orange County;

WHEREAS, one recommendation of the Prosecution Subcommittee was to implement an adult civil citation diversion program, with a goal of diverting adults accused of a crime for the first time from the criminal judicial system and providing redirection to a crime-free lifestyle;

WHEREAS, an adult civil citation diversion program is being implemented concurrently with this Resolution, as a pilot program (the "SAO Civil Citation Program"), under the direction of the Ninth Judicial Circuit State Attorney's Office (the "SAO"), together with the Orange County Sheriff's Office and the Orlando Police Department;

WHEREAS, the SAO Civil Citation Program aims to reduce arrests and referrals to probation for certain non-violent misdemeanor offenses and provide connections to services that address an accused person's underlying needs;

WHEREAS, participation in and successful completion of the SAO Civil Citation Program, including crime-specific educational programs, payment of program fees, and completion of community service hours, will allow an accused person to avoid acquiring an arrest and criminal record;

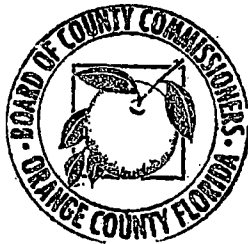
WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners finds that the SAO Civil Citation Program is in the best interest of the public's health, safety, and welfare.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA:

Section 1. The Orange County Board of County Commissioners hereby affirms its support for the SAO Civil Citation Program being implemented in the Ninth Judicial Circuit of Florida in Orange County.

Section 2. This Resolution shall take effect upon the date of its adoption.

ADOPTED THIS 5th DAY OF April, 2022.



ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
By: Board of County Commissioners

By: *Jerry L. Demings*
for Jerry L. Demings
County Mayor

ATTEST: Phil Diamond, CPA, County
Comptroller as Clerk of the Board of
County Commissioners

By: *Katie Smith*
Deputy Clerk