

RESOLUTION NO. 1932-05

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WINTER PARK, FLORIDA,
SUPPORTING THE UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA'S
PROPOSAL FOR A MEDICAL SCHOOL**

WHEREAS, the supply of physicians necessary to serve the healthcare needs of Floridians cannot keep pace with demand, due to such contributing factors as our population growth, an aging citizenry, and other demographic changes; and

WHEREAS, the demand for physicians in Florida will continue to outpace our efforts to train and attract doctors in sufficient numbers, as reflected in the numbers that forty-two percent of our physicians are 55 or older, that Florida already imports up to ninety percent of the new physicians it needs each year, and that by 2020, over 3,000 new doctors will be needed each year in Florida; and

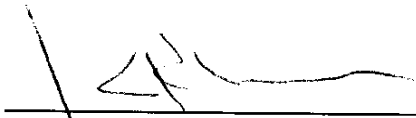
WHEREAS, while Central Florida is the largest metropolitan area in the nation without a Medical School, our region enjoys the assets and opportunities of the strongest economy in the state, the nation's third-best market for job growth, the presence of two of the largest medical systems in the United States, and a projected economic impact for a potential medical school in this region of nearly \$3 billion annually; and

WHEREAS, the University of Central Florida is poised as a leader in the fields of science, medicine, and technology, with such academic and research strengths as found in the Burnett College of Biomedical Sciences with a focus on medical education by biotechnology and nanosciences faculty, the College of Health and Public Affairs, the College of Optics and Photonics, the Institute for Simulation and Training, and the Florida Photonics Center of Excellence; and

WHEREAS, the University of Central Florida's academic resources and success are further reflected in the university's accomplishments as the fourth-largest producer of medical school preparatory degrees in the state, the second-largest producer of bachelor's degrees in the state, the second-highest number of National Merit Scholars in Florida, and the ninth-largest university in the nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED the City of Winter Park, Florida hereby endorses and makes known its support for the University of Central Florida's proposal for a Medical School, and recognizes its promise for our community's health, education, and economic development needs.

Adopted and passed at the Winter Park City Commission meeting of November 14, 2005.



Mayor Kenneth R. Marchman

ATTEST:



Cynthia S. Bonham, City Clerk