



Office of the
Orange County Mayor

Resolution

WHEREAS, the comprehensive Free Trade Agreement between the United States and Colombia will eliminate tariffs and barriers to goods and services, while promoting economic growth and stability to the country of Colombia; and

WHEREAS, Colombia is the longest standing democracy in South America and the strongest ally to the United States in the region; and

WHEREAS, in 2006, Florida's export shipments of merchandise to Colombia totaled \$1.6 billion, the second largest export total to Colombia among the 50 states; and

WHEREAS, Florida's exports to Colombia accounted for 23 percent of U.S. exports in 2006; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. – Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement levels the playing field and enhances competition, moving the U.S. – Colombia commercial relationship beyond a one-way preference to full partnership and reciprocal commitments; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. – Colombia Trade Promotion agreement will serve both the US and Latin American interests and will create new economic opportunities for citizens of both nations; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Richard T. Crotty, do hereby resolve that Orange County Government supports efforts to promote international business development.

DONE AND ORDERED this 30th day of August, 2007.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard T. Crotty".

RICHARD T. CROTTY, ORANGE COUNTY MAYOR

ATTEST: