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**Resolution of the Board of Directors of
Florida Legal Services, Inc.
Supporting the Proposed Model Family Court Plan**

WHEREAS, Florida Legal Services, Inc. (FLS) is the state support office for the legal assistance to the poor provider programs in Florida, and

WHEREAS, thirty-six percent (36 %) of the caseload of the provider programs in Florida is in the area of family law, and

WHEREAS, the provider programs in Florida also devote significant resources to assist self-represented litigants in the family law area, and

WHEREAS, low-income families often must turn to our court system to resolve significant family issues such as dissolution of marriage, child support, child custody, domestic violence, dependency and delinquency, and

WHEREAS, fair and efficient resolution of family law problems is vitally important for the well-being of low-income families, and

WHEREAS, the health, safety and empowerment of low-income families and their children is a high priority for FLS's advocacy.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Directors of Florida Legal Services, Inc., supports the Proposed Model Family Court Plan as recommended by the Family Court Steering Committee, which recommendation is currently pending before the Supreme Court of Florida, *IN RE REPORT OF THE FAMILY COURT STEERING COMMITTEE*, Case No. SC00-1410.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Directors of Florida Legal Services, Inc., encourages the opportunity for full participation by provider programs and representatives from the low-income community in the implementation of the Model Family Court Plan to ensure that the potential benefits for the low-income families are fully realized.

This resolution was passed by the Board of Directors at its regular scheduled meeting on December 1st, 2000 at Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Signed and Attested this 1st day of December, 2000



Howard M. Camerik, President

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Howard M. Camerik, President of Florida Legal Services, Inc., do hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Resolution of the Board of Directors of Florida Legal Services, Inc. Supporting the Proposed Model Family Court Plan was served on Judge Raymond T. McNeal, Fifth Judicial Circuit, 110 Northwest 1st Avenue, Third Floor, Ocala 34475, this 1st day of December, 2000, by U.S. mail.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. Camerik', written over a horizontal line.

Howard M. Camerik
President
Florida Legal Services, Inc.