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The Honorable Randy Harris, Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners

RE: CONSOLIDATED AUDIT OF AGENCIES RECEIVING CHOOSE LIFE LICENSE PLATE FEES

The Internal Audit Division has performed a "comprehensive audit" as required by Section 320.08058 (b), Florida Statutes, of the agencies which received funds from Marion County resulting from fee revenues of the Choose Life specialty license plate. The receiving agencies and the use of the comprehensive audit method were authorized by the Board on February 20, 2001.

The first year's proceeds from the specialty license plates were received by the County and distributed to Interfaith Emergency Services, the authorized supervising agency, shortly before the fiscal year end of September 30, 2001. None of the funds were expended by September 30th. Attached is the required reporting form to the County from Interfaith that was reviewed by the Internal Auditor, who has determined that the agency is in compliance with relevant Florida Statutes.

Marion County is required to submit to the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) a form certifying that all the recipient agencies and Marion County have complied with Florida Statutes. The Internal Auditor has determined that the County is in compliance. We therefore submit for your review, approval and signature the required "Annual Choose Life Specialty Plate Report to DHSMV by Marion County" form which must have the signature of the Chairman.

Florida Statute 320.08058 (b)(3), requires that any agency that has not used funds in excess of 10% of the funds received during the fiscal year must return the excess to the County, which shall distribute them to other qualified agencies. Because of the short initial reporting year, Interfaith did not expend much of the money as of September 30, 2001 and requests that the excess funds be extended through September 30, 2002. If the Board wishes to formally authorize the same agencies previously identified by the Board on February 20th, an exchange of checks may not be necessary.

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Attachments

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