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**BULLETIN**

FLORIDA BULLETIN 93 - 12

TO: ALL OLD REPUBLIC TITLE AGENTS AND BRANCH OFFICES

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DATE: December 16, 1993

RE: **STATE SOVEREIGNTY LANDS CLAIM - LAKE OSBOURNE,  
PALM BEACH COUNTY**

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Old Republic has become aware of a claim of sovereignty by the State of Florida to property lying near Lake Osbourne in Palm Beach County. This claim is based on the belief that there has been significant fill of Lake Osbourne since Florida became a State. The claim has the potential to become as significant as the Flamingo Island and Hudson Beach (see Bulletin 92 - 2) claims previously asserted in Monroe and Pasco Counties respectively. The property affected lies in Sections 29 and 32 of Township 44, Range 43 and Sections 5, 8, and 17 of Township 45, Range 43.

No agent is authorized to issue an Old Republic policy in the vicinity of Lake Osbourne without a sovereignty lands exception unless prior written approval is received from underwriting counsel for the company.

This claim should serve as a reminder to all agents of the care required when insuring property in the vicinity of any inland lake, river or stream. The sovereignty lands legislation referred to in our Bulletin 93 - 3 impacted only tidal lands.

Please call Craig Jontz or me if you have any questions.

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