

Resolution No. 2005-R _____

RESOLUTION

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA ON THE 22nd DAY OF MARCH, A.D., 2005.

WHEREAS, 173,335 children in the State of Florida were reported to be abused or neglected during fiscal year 2003-2004; and

WHEREAS, 3,473 children in the County of Seminole were identified to be abused or neglected during fiscal year 2003-2004; and

WHEREAS, over 510 new child victims of abuse received services and 1,245 child victims received continuing services at Kids House of Seminole during fiscal year 2003-2004; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect results in significant trauma to the child, family and society as it causes children to suffer serious illness and injury resulting in impairment of physical, intellectual and emotional functioning and well-being or even death; and

WHEREAS, The United States Department of Health and Human Services states that the actual incidence of abuse and neglect is estimated to be three times greater than the number reported to authorities; and

WHEREAS, abused or neglected children are at much greater risk of becoming abusive or neglectful parents; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect prevention services can reduce the costs society must bear in dealing with the results of child abuse and neglect, and can help keep children and families safe; and

WHEREAS, 2005 marks the 22nd anniversary of child abuse and neglect prevention services in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Florida proclaims April as Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month; and

WHEREAS, children of Seminole County deserve the opportunity to grow and thrive in healthy environments, free from threats of violence and harm; and

WHEREAS, during the month of April, public and private-sector agencies, child-care professionals, child advocates and residents will be increasing the public's awareness of child abuse and neglect prevention;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Seminole County, Florida, hereby proclaims the month of April as

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT PREVENTION MONTH, APRIL 2005.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Seminole County, Florida, that this Resolution be spread upon the Official Minutes by the Clerk of the Circuit Court in and for the County of Seminole, and that this Resolution be presented to the Executive Director of Kids House of Seminole, Nancy Crawford, in recognition of her organization's continued work with abused and neglected children in Seminole County.

ADOPTED, this 22nd day March, A.D. 2005.

ATTEST:

Maryanne Morse, Clerk to the Board
Of County Commissioners in and for
The County of Seminole, Florida

Carlton D. Henley, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners
Date: _____