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, the world was stunned on December 26, 2004 by the cataclysm of a 9.0 undersea earthquake and the resulting tsunamis which devastated areas along the Indian Ocean coast including Sri Lanka, Indonesia, India, Malaysia and Thailand; and

WHEREAS, nearly 200,000 persons tragically lost their lives, one-third of them children, in the deadly waves, floods and mud slides, and thousands more were left injured or homeless; and

WHEREAS, the SODA POPS (Miriam & Valerie's SCHOOL OF DANCE ARTS PERFORMERS ON PARADE) of Sanford, Florida, a talented dance troupe of young women and men from Seminole and Volusia counties, were moved to action by the plight of tsunami victims, and have committed their energies to raising funds for tsunami relief; and

WHEREAS, the SODA POPS have distinguished themselves by willingly donating their time and dance talents to performing throughout the year at schools and civic and charitable organizations, have won regional and national performance awards, and have participated in a 2-week cultural exchange program in the Peoples Republic of China; and

WHEREAS, the SODA POPS will be featured in the Let's Put "Our Best Foot Forward" Benefit for Tsunami Relief at the Helen Stairs Theatre, Sanford, Florida on Saturday, April 9th, with 100% of ticket sales going directly to the Tsunami Relief Effort, in partnership with the Sanford Rotary Club which will provide matching funds; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners wishes to express its appreciation on behalf of the citizens of Seminole County, Florida to the SODA POPS for their dedication to community service and, in particular, to their global neighbors in south Asia who so desperately need assistance following the natural disasters of December 26, 2004.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT 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 SODA POPS in recognition of their caring involvement and selfless service.

ADOPTED , this 22nd day of March, A.D. 2005. **********************************	
Maryanne Morse, Clerk to the Board	Carlton D. Henley, Chairman
Of County Commissioners in and for The County of Seminole, Florida	Date: