

Resolution No. – 2006-R \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION**

**THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED AT THE  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS OF SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA ON THE  
28<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH, A.D., 2006.**

**WHEREAS**, 195,095 children in the State of Florida were reported to be abused or neglected during the year 2005; and

**WHEREAS**, 3,972 children in the County of Seminole were identified to be abused or neglected during the year 2005; 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**, 2006 marks the 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 2006***

**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 all the agencies who work with child abuse prevention, in recognition of their continued work with abused and neglected children in Seminole County.

**ADOPTED**, this 28<sup>th</sup> day March, A.D. 2006.

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ATTEST:

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

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