

Resolution No. 2004-R _____

RESOLUTION

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA ON THE 13th DAY OF APRIL, A.D., 2004.

WHEREAS, 204,000 children in the State of Florida were identified to be abused or neglected during fiscal year 2002-2003; and

WHEREAS, 3,500 children in the County of Seminole were identified to be abused or neglected during fiscal year 2002-2003; and

WHEREAS, 732 new child victims of abuse received services at Kids House of Seminole during fiscal year 2002-2003; 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, 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, 2004 marks the 21st 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; and

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 2004.

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 13th day April, A.D. 2004.

ATTEST:

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

Daryl McLain, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners
Date: _____