

RESOLUTION

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ON THE 25TH DAY OF MAY, A.D., 2004.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners always strives to enhance the quality of life of its residents; and

WHEREAS, the primary concern of the Seminole County Board of County Commissioners is the well-being of its residents; and

WHEREAS, any media report describing the tragic circumstances of a missing child affects not only the immediate family of this child but our entire community; and

WHEREAS, public awareness of the need for increased child safety has done much to educate parents about what they can do to prevent crimes committed against their own children; and

WHEREAS, the private sector is playing an ever-increasing role to assist in these prevention efforts; and

WHEREAS, during the past few years, the Missing Children Center, Inc., located in Winter Springs, Florida, has worked hand in hand with searching families, concerned child advocate agencies and law enforcement professionals to help recover missing children; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme for the dedication and candle lighting ceremony to be held at the Winter Springs Baptist Church is "Light Their Way Home".

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners in and for Seminole County, Florida do hereby proclaim Tuesday, May 25, 2004 as "National Missing Children's Day" in memory of all children who have been criminally abducted, parentally abducted, or classified as runaways, and encourage the citizens of Seminole County to not only remember those children who have been the victims of crime but to also renew our joint determination to protect our children from harm.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Seminole County Board of County Commissioners believes that child protection is everyone's responsibility and that we should strive for the day when our children live free from the threats of abduction and exploitations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Seminole County Board of County Commissioners expresses its sincere appreciation to the many volunteers and professionals who have devoted their time and energy to this important cause and that it join the residents of Seminole County in offering prayers for the safe return of all missing children so that their families may be made whole again.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread upon the Official Minutes by the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Seminole County, Florida, and this Resolution be presented to Joan Thompson, Executive Director, Missing Children Center, Inc.

ADOPTED this 25TH day of May, 2004.

ATTEST:

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

Daryl G. McLain, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners
Date: _____