

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 26TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2006**

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a major public concern for our State and Nation and is now the single largest cause of injury to women; and

WHEREAS, all persons have a basic right to feel safe from harm, especially in their homes, yet hundreds of cases of domestic violence were reported in Seminole County last year; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence affects people of all age, race, socioeconomic, education, religious and occupational segments of our society, especially the children; and

WHEREAS, children from violent homes are physically abused or seriously neglected at a rate much higher than the national average and have higher risks of alcohol and drug abuse, juvenile delinquency, cognitive and development problems as well as fear, anxiety and guilt; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence is not a private family matter but a crime, the consequences of which reach with devastating effect on the communities, schools, and workplaces of our nation; and

WHEREAS, perpetrators of domestic violence must be held accountable for their crimes which violate an individual's privacy, dignity, security, and humanity; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence represents a pattern of assault and coercive behavior that will escalate in frequency and severity if intervention does not occur; and

WHEREAS, public awareness and education about domestic violence are needed as well as uniform efforts on the part of government, health professionals, law enforcement, religious organizations, educators, and community associations to address domestic violence through prevention, intervention, and treatment for victims and perpetrators; and

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence Awareness Month provides an opportunity to mourn those who have died because of abuse, celebrate those who have survived, and recognize the compassion and dedication of volunteers and professionals who work tirelessly to end the violence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners of Seminole County, Florida, hereby proclaim the month of October 2006 as **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH** in Seminole County and urge our citizens to recognize and support efforts to bring about an end to this insidious problem within our community.

ADOPTED this 26th day of September, 2006

ATTEST:

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

Carlton D. Henley, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners