

**Lee County Board Of County Commissioners
Agenda Item Summary**

Blue Sheet No. 20070547

1. ACTION REQUESTED/PURPOSE:
Ceremonial Resolution Recognizing Voices for Kids Week

2. FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

3. WHAT ACTION ACCOMPLISHES:

4. MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATION: Approve

5. Departmental Category:

CP#1

6. Meeting Date: 04/24/2007

7. Agenda:
 Consent
 Administrative
 Appeals
 Public
 Walk-On

8. Requirement/Purpose: (specify)
 Statute
 Ordinance
 Admin. Code
 Other

9. Request Initiated:
 Commissioner _____
 Department _____ County Commission
 Division _____
 By: _____

10. Background:

11. Review for Scheduling:

Department Director	Purchasing or Contracts	Human Resources	Other	County Attorney	Budget Services				County Manager/P. W. Director
					Analyst	Risk	Grants	Mgr.	

12. Commission Action:

- Approved
- Deferred
- Denied
- Other



LEE COUNTY
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The Board of County Commissioners

RESOLUTION

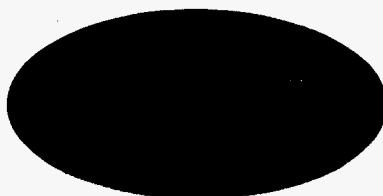
- Whereas:** Three hundred Lee County abused, neglected or abandoned children currently in the Dependency system need their voices heard through a volunteer Guardian ad Litem (GAL) speaking for them in court and advocating for them in the community; and
- Whereas:** The Lee County Guardian ad Litem Program has been dedicated to supporting volunteers who represent child victims since 1980, through a dedicated Lee County staff; and
- Whereas:** Voices for Kids, a not-for-profit agency has had the important mission of supporting Guardian ad Litem volunteers in Lee, Collier, Charlotte, Hendry and Glades counties and the child victims in their cases, including a Children's Clothes Closet, Happier Birthday Program, Tutoring and Arts Programs, Behavioral Analysis Program aimed at maintaining the child where he or she lives, as well as providing funding for a child's individual special needs; and
- Whereas:** Last year about 100 volunteers donated over 50,000 hours to be the voices in court and the advocates within the community for about 700 children in Lee County; and
- Whereas:** Both Voices for Kids and the Guardian ad Litem Program participate locally and statewide in speaking to legislators and community leaders about abused, neglected, and abandoned children's needs, joining nationally with The Court Appointed Special Advocate Program.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Lee County, Florida that we do hereby proclaim April 24 – May 1, 2007 as:

Voices for Kids Week

In Lee County and urge all citizens to recognize and honor Guardian ad Litem and Voices for Kids volunteers supporting local child victims of abuse, neglect and abandonment.

Duly Executed this 24th day of April, 2007.



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

Chairman