

Child Abuse Prevention Month

State Board of Education Resolution

WHEREAS, more than 50,000 reports of suspected child abuse and neglect are filed each week across the nation; and

WHEREAS, nationally, during 2003, an estimated 2.9 million reports involving the welfare of 5.5 million children were made; and

WHEREAS, 68 percent of these cases were investigated, and 906,000 children were found to be the victims of abuse or neglect; and

WHEREAS, a nurturing home environment, safe places to play, good medical care and strong schools are needed for all children to grow in a safe and healthy environment; and

WHEREAS, Nebraska children and their families need strong support from their communities and schools to better assure that all children have a safe, nurturing and healthy environment; and

WHEREAS, the well being of Nebraska's children and their families is important to all citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Nebraska State Board of Education encourages communities and local schools to support efforts during the month of April and throughout the year to increase awareness of child abuse and neglect and to act to protect our youngest citizens.

Signed this sixth day of April 2006.
