



**PROCLAMATION  
Head Start Awareness Month**

**WHEREAS**, Established in 1965, Head Start is a national, Federally funded early childhood development program that serves children and families and whose purpose is to help children achieve their full potential; and

**WHEREAS**, Head Start provides comprehensive health, nutritional, educational, social services, family and community development and meaningful parent involvement; and

**WHEREAS**, Head Start focuses on children's language development, early literacy, social skills, and giving their parents the skills and giving their parents the skills in becoming their child's first and best teacher; and

**WHEREAS**, Head Start is committed to the development of each child and provides preventative and early intervention services to children and families regardless of their economic status; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, SUMTER COUNTY, FLORIDA, HEREBY PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2010 AS**

**“HEAD START AWARENESS MONTH”**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, The Board of County Commissioners recognizes that the needs of children and families in Sumter County must become a top priority for future decision makers by investing financial resources and talent in the prevention of health and mental health and educational disabilities, child abuse and neglect, and family dysfunction.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, The Board of County Commissioners encourages all parents of preschool age children to participate in literacy activities, such as reading a book with your child, attending a play with your child, and going to the library with your child during the month of October.

**DONE AND PROCLAIMED** this 12th day of October 2010, Sumter County Florida

**Attest:**

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
SUMTER COUNTY**

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Connie Webb  
Deputy Clerk

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Doug Gilpin  
Chairman