

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 58th Legislature (2021)

4 HOUSE
5 RESOLUTION 1006

 By: Lawson and Bush

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7 AS INTRODUCED

8 A Resolution relating to the well-being of children;
9 designating April as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

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11 WHEREAS, Oklahoma's future prosperity depends on nurturing the
12 healthy development of the state's children living, growing and
13 learning within our many diverse communities; and

14 WHEREAS, research shows that safe, nurturing relationships and
15 stimulating, stable environments improve brain development and child
16 well-being, while neglectful or abusive experiences and unstable or
17 stressful environments increase the odds of poor childhood outcomes;
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19 WHEREAS, the abuse and neglect of children can cause severe,
20 costly and lifelong problems affecting all of society, including
21 physical and mental health problems, school failure and criminal
22 behavior; and

23 WHEREAS, research shows that parents and caregivers who have
24 social networks and know how to seek help in times of trouble are

1 more resilient and better able to provide safe environments and
2 nurturing experiences for their children; and

3 WHEREAS, individuals, businesses, schools, community, and faith-
4 based organizations must make children a top priority and take
5 action to support the physical, social, emotional and educational
6 development and competency of all children.

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
8 OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 58TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

9 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives proclaims April as
10 Child Abuse Prevention Month to recognize the importance of
11 promoting awareness of strengthening families to promote healthy
12 child development, to promote positive parenting practices, to
13 encourage the delivery of supports families need within their
14 communities and to draw much-needed attention to our goal of
15 preventing child abuse and neglect in Oklahoma.

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