

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 58th Legislature (2021)

3 HOUSE

4 RESOLUTION 1006

By: Lawson and Bush

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6 AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

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