

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                                   STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3                                   2nd Session of the 59th Legislature (2024)

4 HOUSE  
5 RESOLUTION 1040

By: Roe

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9                                   AS INTRODUCED

10                   A Resolution declaring April as Child Abuse  
11                   Prevention Month.

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14                   WHEREAS, the Oklahoma House of Representatives reminds us that  
15 Child Abuse can be prevented and everyone has a role to play; and

16                   WHEREAS, every child deserves to be safe, nurtured, and  
17 supported in caring relationships, and every family deserves to be  
18 safe, nurtured, and supported in their community; and

19                   WHEREAS, the estimated cost to treat the effects of child  
20 maltreatment in the United States exceeds One Billion Dollars  
21 annually; and

22                   WHEREAS, everyone has a role to play in preventing child abuse  
23 and all citizens must become aware of the importance of supporting  
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1 parents to raise their children in a safe, nurturing environment;  
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3 WHEREAS, too many of our community's children are exposed to  
4 extreme and sustained stress-like child abuse and neglect, which can  
5 be devastating to a child's development; and

6 WHEREAS, we lay the foundation for children's later growth and  
7 development when the entire community takes responsibility for  
8 creating healthy environments in which to raise its children; and

9 WHEREAS, the children in our community who have fallen victim to  
10 maltreatment deserve high-quality, evidence-based services delivered  
11 by committed and well-supported professionals; and

12 WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed  
13 because of community partnerships created among families, social  
14 service agencies, schools, businesses, law enforcement agencies,  
15 faith-based organizations, and other child-serving agencies; and

16 WHEREAS, it is easier to build healthy and strong children than  
17 repair broken adults.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
19 OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 59TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

20 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives declares April as  
21 Child Abuse Prevention Month in Oklahoma and urges all citizens,  
22 businesses, and social institutions to dedicate themselves to the  
23 task of supporting parents in their critical job of raising safe,  
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1 healthy children and ensuring the health and safety of all children  
2 in Oklahoma.

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