

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE
RESOLUTION 1040

By: Roe

AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution declaring April as Child Abuse
Prevention Month.

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

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

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

WHEREAS, everyone has a role to play in preventing child abuse
and all citizens must become aware of the importance of supporting
parents to raise their children in a safe, nurturing environment;
and

WHEREAS, too many of our community's children are exposed to
extreme and sustained stress-like child abuse and neglect, which can
be devastating to a child's development; and

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

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

7 WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed
8 because of community partnerships created among families, social
9 service agencies, schools, businesses, law enforcement agencies,
10 faith-based organizations, and other child-serving agencies; and

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

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

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

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