ENGROSSED HOUSE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 1033

By: Seikel, Voskuhl and Boyd (Laura) of the House

and

Henry of the Senate

A Concurrent Resolution relating to child abuse and neglect; declaring Child Abuse Prevention Day; stating support of child abuse prevention and treatment programs; stating said programs are a priority; commending public and private agencies for their work in the area of child abuse and neglect; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the physical, emotional and sexual abuse and the neglect of children is a blight upon our state and our nation; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect is preventable and treatable; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect is a "tale twice told", passing from one generation to the next if not prevented and treated; and

WHEREAS, in Fiscal Year 1994 there were 34,846 investigations of child abuse and neglect, 10,891 of which were confirmed to be abuse or neglect; and

WHEREAS, 31 of Oklahoma's children died as a result of child abuse or neglect in Fiscal Year 1994.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 45TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT today, May 1, 1995, is hereby declared to be Child Abuse Prevention Day for the State of Oklahoma.

THAT programs and services to identify, prevent, remediate and treat child abuse and neglect shall remain a high priority for this state.

THAT Child Welfare Unit personnel of the Department of Human Services, the Office of Child Abuse Prevention of the Health Department personnel and other public and private agency personnel who work diligently in the area of child abuse and neglect be recognized and commended for their commitment, dedication and resolve.

THAT the Oklahoma Committee to Prevent Child Abuse be commended for its work and assistance in the coordination of the efforts of said public and private agencies and local communities.

THAT copies of this resolution shall be distributed to the membership of the Human Services Commission, the State Board of Health, the Board of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth, and to any public or private children's service agency requesting a copy.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 1st day of May, 1995.

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Adopted by the Senate the ____ day of _____, 1995.

President of the Senate