

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE CONCURRENT  
RESOLUTION NO. 1075

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AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution designating May 12th through 18th as "Child Safety Week"; encouraging certain programs; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, drug abuse, gun mishandling and misuse of motor vehicles by children are special concerns of all citizens of this state; and

WHEREAS, statistics have shown that on any given day in our state, children will die from injuries sustained in accidents that could have been prevented; and

WHEREAS, alarmed by the number of childhood fatalities and serious injuries sustained by children, concerned citizens have organized programs in the state designed to prevent this tragic loss of life; and

WHEREAS, some states have instituted highly successful programs that use the assistance of high school students studying health occupations to teach child safety concepts to young children; and

WHEREAS, law enforcement officers, firemen, and emergency medical technicians have initiated programs in cooperation with the public schools of this state to teach children about safety; and

WHEREAS, in some such programs, after receiving special training in any of six safety areas, students team up with law enforcement officers, firemen and emergency medical personnel to visit local

elementary schools, where they give presentations to students on such varied topics as drug abuse, the use of car seats and seat belts, gun safety, electrical safety, fire safety, and farm and home equipment safety; and

WHEREAS, these programs have proven mutually beneficial to both the teenagers and the children involved, providing simple injury prevention and safety concepts to young children while reinforcing prevention awareness among high school students; and

WHEREAS, the week of May 12th through the 18th, which is close to the end of the school year, should be designated as "Child Safety Week" in this state to encourage the offering of more safety programs for children leaving school for the summer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 45TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the 45th Oklahoma Legislature hereby designates May 12th through the 18th as "Child Safety Week" and encourages its observance in schools and communities across the state.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction and to each member of the State Board of Education.

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