

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE  
2 CONCURRENT  
3 RESOLUTION NO. 1086

By: Murphey of the House

and

Brogdon of the Senate

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7 A Concurrent Resolution declaring May 2008 to be  
8 International Doula Month in Oklahoma; recognizing  
9 Oklahoma Doulas for all of their work; and directing  
10 distribution.

11 WHEREAS, it is recognized that birth is a significant event in  
12 the lives of a mother, her child, and their family; and

13 WHEREAS, the concept of Doulas, women supporting women during  
14 childbirth, is an age-old and respected concept; and

15 WHEREAS, DONA International is an international organization  
16 with established standards and ethics; and

17 WHEREAS, a DONA International Certified Birth Doula is an  
18 experienced, nonmedical assistant who provides constant physical,  
19 emotional, and informational support to the laboring mother and her  
20 family in prenatal care during childbirth and during the immediate  
21 postpartum period; and

22 WHEREAS, it is the objective of Doulas to create a positive  
23 birth experience; and

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1       WHEREAS, a DONA International Certified Postpartum Doula is a  
2 nonmedical assistant trained in postpartum adjustment, care,  
3 feeding, and development of the newborn, promotion of parent-infant  
4 bonding, and the support for the new or expanded family after the  
5 fourth trimester following birth; and

6       WHEREAS, the goal of the postpartum Doula is to facilitate the  
7 transition to parenthood by supplying reliable and factual  
8 information, reassurance, and hands-on support with children and  
9 household organization; and

10       WHEREAS, Oklahoma has a growing community of Doulas that serve  
11 the people of this state.

12       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
13 OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 51ST OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE  
14 CONCURRING THEREIN:

15       THAT May 2008 is hereby declared International Doula Month in  
16 the State of Oklahoma.

17       THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the members of  
18 Oklahoma's Congressional Delegation, the Governor, the Lieutenant  
19 Governor, the Secretary of State, the members of the Oklahoma House  
20 of Representatives and the State Senate, and the State Commissioner  
21 of Health.

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