

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 56th Legislature (2018)

HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION 1016

By: Osborn (Leslie) and
Dunnington of the House

and

Griffin of the Senate

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution designating 2018 as the
Oklahoma Year of the Child; making findings; and
directing distribution.

WHEREAS, children in Oklahoma should be a priority in our state;

and

WHEREAS, there is a need to strongly focus attention on
addressing and solving the problems facing Oklahoma children; and

WHEREAS, "2018 - Oklahoma Year of the Child" is a movement that
encourages all Oklahomans to ensure every Oklahoma child is safe,
secure, engaged, encouraged and prepared for life; and

WHEREAS, "2018 - Oklahoma Year of the Child" seeks to
dramatically improve the lives of Oklahoma children by asking
candidates for public office, as public officeholders, what they
will do to improve the lives of children; and

1 WHEREAS, the Adverse Childhood Experiences Study (ACEs Study) is
2 a research study that demonstrates an association of adverse
3 childhood trauma with health and social problems experienced as an
4 adult; and

5 WHEREAS, Oklahomans have historically experienced many of the
6 traumas included in the ACEs Study, including: physical abuse,
7 sexual abuse, emotional abuse, physical neglect, emotional neglect,
8 domestic violence, household substance abuse, household mental
9 illness, parental separation or divorce and incarcerated household
10 member resulting in poor health for adults including depression,
11 heart disease, cancer, chronic lung disease and shortened lifespan;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Oklahoma youth and children's organizations invite all
14 Oklahomans to join them in working on "2018 - Oklahoma Year of the
15 Child", which seeks to raise awareness and find solutions to the
16 problems facing the children of our state.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
18 OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 56TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE
19 CONCURRING THEREIN:

20 THAT 2018 be designated as the "Year of the Child in Oklahoma"
21 and that all Oklahomans be urged to consider and address the issues
22 facing Oklahoma children.
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1 THAT copies of this Concurrent Resolution be provided to the
2 Oklahoma Institute for Child Advocacy, the Oklahoma Commission on
3 Children and Youth and the Oklahoma Department of Human Services.
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