

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 2nd Session of the 58th Legislature (2022)

4 HOUSE
5 RESOLUTION 1048

By: Roberts (Dustin)

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8 AS INTRODUCED

9 A Resolution designating March 9, 2022, as March of
10 Dimes March for Change Day.

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12 WHEREAS, families face serious health risks and March of Dimes
13 fights for their health by supporting research, leading programs,
14 and providing education and advocacy; and

15 WHEREAS, March of Dimes has developed a collaborative model to
16 study and prevent preterm birth through groundbreaking research at
17 five prematurity research centers; and

18 WHEREAS, March of Dimes is committed to mobilizing the nation by
19 amplifying the voices of pregnant people and families; and

20 WHEREAS, five thousand three hundred four (5,304) infants are
21 born preterm each year in the State of Oklahoma, representing over
22 eleven percent (11%) of all state births; and

23 WHEREAS, Oklahoma received a grade of D minus on the 2021 March
24 of Dimes Report Card; and

1 WHEREAS, in Oklahoma, March of Dimes has worked extensively to
2 support state policies that improve the health of mothers and
3 infants; and

4 WHEREAS, March of Dimes looks forward to working with the
5 Oklahoma State Legislature in response to the continued maternal and
6 infant health crisis; and

7 WHEREAS, March 9, 2022, marks the March of Dimes March for
8 Change in Oklahoma where March of Dimes advocates meet with
9 policymakers to voice the need for policies that benefit mothers and
10 infants in Oklahoma.

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
12 OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 58TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

13 THAT the Legislature hereby extends special recognition to March
14 of Dimes in Oklahoma and designates March 9, 2022, as "March of
15 Dimes March for Change Day" in Oklahoma.

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