

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 58th Legislature (2021)

3 SENATE  
4 RESOLUTION 12

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Resolution urging vigilance; and recognizing April  
8 as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

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10 WHEREAS, Oklahoma's future prosperity depends on nurturing the  
11 healthy development of the approximately one million children  
12 currently living, growing and learning within our many diverse  
13 communities; and

14 WHEREAS, research shows that safe, nurturing relationships and  
15 stimulating, stable environments improve brain development and child  
16 wellbeing, while neglectful or abusive experiences and unstable or  
17 stressful environments increase the odds of poor childhood outcomes;  
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19 WHEREAS, the abuse and neglect of children can cause severe,  
20 costly and lifelong problems affecting all of society including  
21 physical and mental health problems, school failure and criminal  
22 behavior; and

23 WHEREAS, research shows that parents and caregivers who have  
24 social networks and know how to seek help in times of trouble are  
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1 more resilient and better able to provide safe environments and  
2 nurturing experiences for their children; and

3 WHEREAS, individuals' businesses, schools and faith-based and  
4 community organizations must make children a top priority and take  
5 action to support the physical, social, emotional and educational  
6 development and competency of all children; and

7 WHEREAS, throughout April, citizens across the nation work to  
8 raise awareness of the prevalence of child abuse in our communities  
9 and neighborhoods and learn how to help the innocent victims.

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION  
11 OF THE 58TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

12 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate urges all Oklahomans to help  
13 protect Oklahoma children and take action to prevent child abuse and  
14 neglect.

15 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate recognizes April as Child Abuse  
16 Prevention Month in the state.

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