1	STATE OF OKLAHOMA
2	2nd Session of the 58th Legislature (2022)
3	SENATE
4	RESOLUTION 28 By: Hicks
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8	A Resolution recognizing the 2022 March of Dimes March for Change on March 9th; applauding the work of March of Dimes Oklahoma; and directing distribution.
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LO	WHEREAS, families face serious health risks and March of Dimes
L1	fights for their health by supporting research, leading programs,
L2	and providing education and advocacy; and
L3	WHEREAS, March of Dimes has developed a collaborative model to
L 4	study and prevent preterm birth through groundbreaking research at
L5	five Prematurity Research Centers; and
L 6	WHEREAS, March of Dimes is committed to mobilizing the nation by
L7	amplifying the voices of pregnant women and families; and
18	WHEREAS, 5,304 babies are born preterm each year in this state,
L 9	representing 11.2 percent of all state births; and
20	WHEREAS, Oklahoma received a grade of D- on the 2021 March of
21	Dimes Report Card; and
22	WHEREAS, in Oklahoma, March of Dimes has worked extensively to
23	support state policies that improve the health of mothers and
24	babies; and

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WHEREAS, March of Dimes looks forward to working with the
Oklahoma State Legislature in response to the continued maternal and
infant health crisis; and
WHEREAS, March 9, 2022, marks the Oklahoma March of Dimes March
for Change where advocates meet with policymakers to voice the need
for policies that benefit mothers and babies in Oklahoma.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION
OF THE 58TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:
THAT the Oklahoma State Senate recognizes the March 9, 2022,
March of Dimes March for Change.
THAT the Oklahoma State Senate applauds the work of March of
Dimes to help improve the health of mothers and babies in Oklahoma.
THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to March of Dimes
Oklahoma.
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