

Resolution

ENROLLED HOUSE
RESOLUTION NO. 1040

By: Roe

A Resolution declaring April as Child Abuse
Prevention Month.

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma House of Representatives reminds us that child abuse can be prevented and everyone has a role to play; and

WHEREAS, every child deserves to be safe, nurtured, and supported in caring relationships, and every family deserves to be safe, nurtured, and supported in their community; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost to treat the effects of child maltreatment in the United States exceeds One Billion Dollars annually; and

WHEREAS, everyone has a role to play in preventing child abuse and all citizens must become aware of the importance of supporting parents to raise their children in a safe, nurturing environment; and

WHEREAS, too many of our community's children are exposed to extreme and sustained stress-like child abuse and neglect, which can be devastating to a child's development; and

WHEREAS, we lay the foundation for children's later growth and development when the entire community takes responsibility for creating healthy environments in which to raise its children; and

WHEREAS, the children in our community who have fallen victim to maltreatment deserve high-quality, evidence-based services delivered by committed and well-supported professionals; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of community partnerships created among families, social service agencies, schools, businesses, law enforcement agencies, faith-based organizations, and other child-serving agencies; and

WHEREAS, it is easier to build healthy and strong children than repair broken adults.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 59TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives declares April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Oklahoma and urges all citizens, businesses, and social institutions to dedicate themselves to the task of supporting parents in their critical job of raising safe, healthy children and ensuring the health and safety of all children in Oklahoma.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 22nd day of April, 2024.

Presiding Officer of the House of
Representatives

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

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