

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

4 HOUSE
5 RESOLUTION 1011

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9 AS INTRODUCED

10 A Resolution declaring April as Child Abuse
11 Prevention Month.

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14 WHEREAS, the Oklahoma House of Representatives reminds us that
15 Child Abuse can be prevented and everyone has a role to play; and

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

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

22 WHEREAS, everyone has a role to play in preventing child abuse,
23 and all citizens must become aware of the importance of supporting
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1 parents to raise their children in a safe, nurturing environment;
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3 WHEREAS, too many of our community's children are exposed to
4 extreme and sustained stress-like child abuse and neglect, which can
5 be devastating to a child's development; and

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

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

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

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

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
19 OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 60TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

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

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