

Resolution

ENROLLED HOUSE
RESOLUTION NO. 1006

By: Lawson, Bush and Roe

A Resolution relating to the well-being of children;
designating April as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

WHEREAS, Oklahoma's future prosperity depends on nurturing the healthy development of the state's children living, growing and learning within our many diverse communities; and

WHEREAS, research shows that safe, nurturing relationships and stimulating, stable environments improve brain development and child well-being, while neglectful or abusive experiences and unstable or stressful environments increase the odds of poor childhood outcomes; and

WHEREAS, the abuse and neglect of children can cause severe, costly and lifelong problems affecting all of society, including physical and mental health problems, school failure and criminal behavior; and

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 58TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives proclaims April as Child Abuse Prevention Month to recognize the importance of promoting awareness of strengthening families to promote healthy

child development, to promote positive parenting practices, to encourage the delivery of supports families need within their communities and to draw much-needed attention to our goal of preventing child abuse and neglect in Oklahoma.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 12th day of April, 2021.

Presiding Officer of the House of
Representatives

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