

Resolution

ENROLLED SENATE
RESOLUTION NO. 12

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

WHEREAS, Oklahoma's future prosperity depends on nurturing the healthy development of the approximately one million children currently 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 wellbeing, 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 and faith-based and community organizations must make children a top priority and take action to support the physical, social, emotional and educational development and competency of all children; and

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

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

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

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

Adopted by the Senate the 12th day of April, 2021.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

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