

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE  
2 CONCURRENT  
3 RESOLUTION NO. 1002

By: Vancuren, Roe and Luttrell  
of the House

and

Scott of the Senate

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8 A Concurrent Resolution proclaiming the month of  
9 April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Oklahoma;  
10 and urging citizens to improve the quality of life  
11 for all children and families.

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13 WHEREAS, 15,951 Oklahoma children were victims of child abuse  
14 and neglect in state fiscal year 2018; and

15 WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect is a serious problem affecting  
16 every segment of our community, and finding solutions requires input  
17 and action from everyone in our community; and

18 WHEREAS, our children are our most valuable resources and will  
19 shape the future of Oklahoma; and

20 WHEREAS, child abuse can have long-term psychological, emotional  
21 and physical effects that have lasting consequences for victims of  
22 abuse; and  
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1       WHEREAS, protective factors are conditions that reduce or  
2 eliminate risk and promote the social, emotional and developmental  
3 well-being of children; and

4       WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention activities succeed  
5 because of the partnerships created between child welfare,  
6 education, health, community-based and faith-based organizations,  
7 businesses and law enforcement agencies; and

8       WHEREAS, communities must make every effort to promote programs  
9 and activities that create strong and thriving children and  
10 families; and

11       WHEREAS, we acknowledge that we must work together as a  
12 community to increase awareness about child abuse and promote the  
13 social and emotional well-being of children and families in a safe,  
14 stable, nurturing environment; and

15       WHEREAS, prevention remains the best defense for our children  
16 and families.

17       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
18 OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 57TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE  
19 CONCURRING THEREIN:

20       THAT the Oklahoma Legislature hereby proclaims the month of  
21 April as "Child Abuse Prevention Month" in Oklahoma and urges all  
22 citizens to recognize this month by dedicating ourselves to the task  
23 of improving the quality of life for all children and families.

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Adopted by the House of Representatives the 23rd day of April, 2019.

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Presiding Officer of the House  
of Representatives

Adopted by the Senate the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate