

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 57th Legislature (2019)

4 HOUSE CONCURRENT
5 RESOLUTION 1002

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7 AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

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

19 WHEREAS, child abuse can have long-term psychological, emotional
20 and physical effects that have lasting consequences for victims of
21 abuse; and

22 WHEREAS, protective factors are conditions that reduce or
23 eliminate risk and promote the social, emotional and developmental
24 well-being of children; and

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

5 WHEREAS, communities must make every effort to promote programs
6 and activities that create strong and thriving children and
7 families; and

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

12 WHEREAS, prevention remains the best defense for our children
13 and families.

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
15 OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 57TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE
16 CONCURRING THEREIN:

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

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22 DIRECT TO CALENDAR.

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