

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 56th Legislature (2018)

3 SENATE  
4 RESOLUTION 29

By: Griffin

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Resolution designating 2018 as the Oklahoma Year of  
8 the Child; and directing distribution.

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10 WHEREAS, children in Oklahoma should be a priority in our state;

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12 WHEREAS, there is a need to strongly focus attention on  
13 addressing and solving the problems facing Oklahoma children; and

14 WHEREAS, "2018 - Oklahoma Year of the Child" is a movement that  
15 encourages all Oklahomans to ensure every Oklahoma child is safe,  
16 secure, engaged, encouraged and prepared for life; and

17 WHEREAS, the Adverse Childhood Experiences Study (ACEs Study) is  
18 a research study that demonstrates an association of adverse  
19 childhood trauma with health and social problems experienced as an  
20 adult; and

21 WHEREAS, Oklahoma's children have historically experienced many  
22 of the traumas included in the ACEs Study, including: physical  
23 abuse, sexual abuse, emotional abuse, physical neglect, emotional  
24 neglect, domestic violence, family substance abuse, caretaker mental

1 illness, parental separation or divorce, and incarcerated household  
2 member resulting in poor health for adults including depression,  
3 heart disease, cancer, chronic lung disease and shortened lifespan;  
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Oklahoma youth and children's organizations invite all  
6 Oklahomans to join them in recognizing 2018 as Oklahoma Year of the  
7 Child to raise awareness and find solutions to the problems facing  
8 the children of our state.

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION  
10 OF THE 56TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

11 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate designates 2018 as the Oklahoma  
12 Year of the Child and that all Oklahomans be urged to consider and  
13 address the issues facing Oklahoma children.

14 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Oklahoma  
15 Institute for Child Advocacy and the Oklahoma Commission on Children  
16 and Youth.

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