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7 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

8 PROMOTING THE AWARENESS OF PEDIATRIC ACUTE-ONSET
9 NEUROPSYCHIATRIC SYNDROME AND PEDIATRIC AUTOIMMUNE
10 NEUROPSYCHIATRIC DISORDER ASSOCIATED WITH
11 STREPTOCOCCAL INFECTIONS.
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14 **Subtitle**

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16 ACUTE-ONSET NEUROPSYCHIATRIC SYNDROME AND
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18 DISORDER ASSOCIATED WITH STREPTOCOCCAL
19 INFECTIONS.
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22 WHEREAS, Pediatric Acute-onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome, also known as
23 "PANS", is a clinically defined disorder characterized by the sudden onset of
24 obsessive-compulsive symptoms or eating restrictions, accompanied by two (2)
25 or more symptoms of acute behavioral deterioration or motor and sensory
26 changes, or both; and
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28 WHEREAS, Pediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorder Associated with
29 Streptococcal Infections, also known as "PANDAS", is a term used to describe
30 a subset of children and adolescents within the broader PANS classification
31 who have obsessive compulsive disorder (OCD) or tic disorders, and in whom
32 symptoms worsen following streptococcal infections such as strep sore throat
33 and scarlet fever; and
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35 WHEREAS, PANS and PANDAS were identified in 2012 by Dr. Susan Swedo;
36 and as doctors are not required to report the number of patients suffering



1 with these disorders, the true number of affected individuals is unknown; and

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4 WHEREAS, the plight of children with PANS and PANDAS requires increased
5 awareness, knowledge, and treatment throughout the state, especially among
6 healthcare professionals,

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8 NOW THEREFORE,

9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIRST GENERAL
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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12 THAT the House of Representatives recognize Pediatric Acute-onset
13 Neuropsychiatric Syndrome and Pediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorder
14 Associated with Streptococcal Infections, encourage the promotion of
15 awareness of the disorders, and proclaim October 9 of each year as PANS and
16 PANDAS Awareness Day.

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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption of this resolution, a copy shall be
19 provided to the Director of the Department of Health by the Chief Clerk of
20 the House of Representatives.

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