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## 7 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

8 TO COMMEMORATE THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE STATE  
9 BOARD OF HEALTH AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH'S  
10 SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS; AND  
11 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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### **Subtitle**

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16 THE STATE BOARD OF HEALTH AND THE STATE  
17 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH'S SERVICE TO THE  
18 CITIZENS OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.

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21 WHEREAS, on February 25, 1913, the State Board of Health was  
22 permanently established to address sanitation and water purification as part  
23 of the Rockefeller Sanitary Commission for the Eradication of Hookworm  
24 Disease; and

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26 WHEREAS, the State Board of Health is empowered to make all necessary  
27 and reasonable rules and regulations of a general nature for protection of  
28 the public health and safety; general improvement of the sanitary and  
29 hygienic conditions within the state; suppression and prevention of  
30 infectious diseases; proper enforcement of quarantine, isolation, and control  
31 of such diseases; and proper control of chemical exposures that may result in  
32 adverse health effects to the public; and

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34 WHEREAS, the Department of Health employs dedicated public health  
35 professionals working in a variety of exacting, scientifically based  
36 disciplines including medicine, nursing, education, nutrition, epidemiology,



1 toxicology, engineering, and sanitation; and

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3 WHEREAS, these public health professionals have been on the leading  
4 edge of new strategies to detect and control disease outbreaks, address  
5 emerging environmental contaminants, provide valuable information to people  
6 about health care costs and quality of life, prepare for emergencies, and  
7 promote healthy communities; and

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9 WHEREAS, the Department of Health and other public health agencies  
10 across the state have been at the center of public health advancements over  
11 the last 100 years that include ensuring safe food and clean drinking water,  
12 identifying and controlling environmental health hazards and infectious  
13 diseases, improving prenatal care resulting in healthier mothers and babies,  
14 decreasing diseases through vaccinations, promoting healthy behaviors and  
15 lifestyles to decrease the risk of chronic diseases such as heart disease and  
16 stroke, and fluoridating drinking water resulting in improved oral health for  
17 both children and adults; and

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19 WHEREAS, the State Board of Health and the Arkansas Department of  
20 Health have made significant contributions to public health in the state over  
21 the last 100 years; and

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23 WHEREAS, these contributions have resulted in a 25-year increase in  
24 life expectancy as well as an overall increase in health status and reduction  
25 in injury, disability, and disease for Arkansans; and

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27 WHEREAS, the Department of Health continues its mission to protect and  
28 improve the health and well-being of all Arkansans,

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30 NOW THEREFORE,

31 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
32 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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34 THAT the Senate of the Eighty-Ninth General Assembly commemorates the  
35 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the State Board of Health and the Department of Health's  
36 service to the citizens of the State of Arkansas.