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8 **SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

9 TO BRING AWARENESS TO PRE-DISASTER MITIGATION  
10 PROGRAMS AND TO DECLARE THE FIRST WEEK OF SEPTEMBER  
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17 FIRST WEEK OF SEPTEMBER "RESILIENCY  
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21 WHEREAS, hazard mitigation is the effort to reduce the loss of life and  
22 property by lessening the impact of disasters, and it is most effective when  
23 implemented under a comprehensive long-term mitigation plan; and

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25 WHEREAS, the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program administered by the  
26 Federal Emergency Management Agency is designed to assist states and local  
27 communities in implementing a sustained pre-disaster natural hazard  
28 mitigation program; and

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30 WHEREAS, the federal Disaster Recovery Reform Act of 2018 makes  
31 available new funding for states and communities to undertake pre-disaster  
32 mitigation measures; and

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34 WHEREAS, since 1908 natural disasters have cost the country more than  
35 \$1,000,000,000,000; and



1           WHEREAS, disasters affect local and state economies in lost payrolls,  
2 lost sales, income taxes, and increased disaster recovery times; and

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4           WHEREAS, according to a study commissioned by the Federal Emergency  
5 Management Agency and conducted by the National Institute of Building  
6 Sciences, every \$1 spent on hazard mitigation provides the nation with \$6 in  
7 future benefits; and

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9           WHEREAS, 25% of small businesses impacted by a natural disaster never  
10 reopen their doors; and

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12           WHEREAS, in recognition of the need for all Americans to prepare and  
13 plan for recovery, September is “National Preparedness Month” in the United  
14 States; and

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16           WHEREAS, mitigation planning is a key process used to break the cycle  
17 of disaster damage, reconstruction, and repeated damage; and

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19           WHEREAS, effective pre-disaster mitigation reduces the demand for  
20 relief services on volunteer organizations, food banks, and homeless shelters  
21 that serve our communities by changing their operations to provide additional  
22 services to those affected by disaster; and

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24           WHEREAS, it is our honorable and brave citizens who act as first  
25 responders and selflessly provide aid to safeguard other citizens; and

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27           WHEREAS, it is important that communities develop long-term mitigation  
28 strategies to protect people and property from future disasters,

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30 NOW THEREFORE,

31 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
32 STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

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34           THAT the Senate declares the first week of September 2019 to be  
35 “Resiliency Week” to raise public awareness of the need for disaster  
36 mitigation strategies.