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7 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

8 A RESOLUTION TO ENCOURAGE ARKANSANS TO UTILIZE THE
9 ARKANSAS RENT RELIEF PROGRAM.

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14 ARKANSAS RENT RELIEF PROGRAM.

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16 WHEREAS, the coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic shows no signs of
17 slowing after the widespread exposure of the newly recognized Delta variant,
18 a more infectious and deadly strain of coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19). Because
19 of this, the rate of infection continues to rise daily; and

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21 WHEREAS, many Arkansans are still struggling to make ends meet in an
22 economy still recovering from the pandemic; and

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24 WHEREAS, the Department of Human Services has available to eligible
25 Arkansans the Arkansas Rent Relief Program, which is a program that not only
26 offers financial help to pay overdue and upcoming rent and utilities for
27 Arkansas renters, but also provides assistance to landlords of tenants unable
28 to pay their rent because of lost income due to the pandemic; and

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30 WHEREAS, the following are covered under the program:

31 (1) Overdue rent plus up to five percent (5%) of late fees
32 dating back to April 1, 2020;

33 (2) Overdue utility bills for gas, water, and electricity;

34 (3)(A) Future rent owed through December 31, 2021.

35 (B) Renters can apply for up to three (3) months of future
36 rent at a time; and



1 (4) Rent may be covered for a period of up to fifteen (15)
2 months between April 1, 2020 and December 31, 2021,

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4 NOW THEREFORE,

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL
6 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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8 THAT the House of Representatives raise awareness of the existence of
9 the Arkansas Rent Relief Program in order to both ensure that vulnerable
10 Arkansans are able to utilize all beneficial resources at their disposal and
11 that landlords have the knowledge of, the encouragement to, and ability to
12 participate in the program as well.