

1 State of Arkansas  
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8 **HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

9 ACKNOWLEDGING ARKANSAS' GREAT HISTORIC HERITAGE  
10 AND ITS CULTURAL TREASURES AND SETTING THE GOAL  
11 FOR THE STATE TO DISPLAY THE HIGHEST EXAMPLE OF  
12 PRESERVING OUR HISTORIC STRUCTURES AND CULTURAL  
13 SITES BY INSISTING THAT PUBLICLY-OWNED BUILDINGS  
14 ARE GREAT ASSETS AND THAT THESE SITES MUST BE  
15 MANAGED BY THE PRINCIPLES OF PRESERVATION.

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17 **Subtitle**

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19 HERITAGE AND ITS CULTURAL TREASURES AND  
20 SETTING THE GOAL FOR THE STATE TO  
21 DISPLAY THE HIGHEST EXAMPLE OF  
22 PRESERVING OUR HISTORIC STRUCTURES AND  
23 TRADITIONAL SITES.

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26 WHEREAS, the State of Arkansas established its Arkansas Department of  
27 Heritage in 1975 to promote the preservation of the natural, cultural, and  
28 historic resources of the state; and

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30 WHEREAS, the State of Arkansas established the Arkansas Historic  
31 Preservation Program in 1977 to promote the preservation of historic  
32 properties, to issue grants for their preservation, and to assist the private  
33 sector towards this goal and the Program has the expertise, capability, and  
34 charter to educate individuals, contractors, and architects on the values and  
35 methods of performing work and repairs on historic structures and sites; and



1           WHEREAS, the State of Arkansas established the Arkansas Natural and  
2 Cultural Resources Council in 1987 to dispense funds received from the real  
3 estate transfer taxes to preserve state historic properties and the Council  
4 works with the National Trust for Historic Preservation to preserve our  
5 states historic structures and traditional sites; and

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7           WHEREAS, the State of Arkansas spends almost twenty million dollars  
8 (\$20,000,000) annually to promote preservation efforts by the state and local  
9 governments and to educate the private business sector and the public  
10 citizenry about the importance of preserving historic places and buildings  
11 and promoting cultural resources; and

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13           WHEREAS, historic structures and traditional sites of Arkansas are so  
14 extremely important to our economy, as more than history when historic  
15 buildings and archeological sites serve as magnets for tourism and economic  
16 development, and when cultural assets and heritage sites are recognized by  
17 business leaders as community assets to attract business development and to  
18 enrich our cultural appreciation,

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20 NOW THEREFORE,

21 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-FOURTH GENERAL  
22 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

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24           That the great State of Arkansas acknowledge its great historic  
25 heritage and its cultural treasures and should set the highest example of  
26 preserving our historic structures and cultural sites by insisting that  
27 publicly-owned buildings are these kinds of assets that must be managed by  
28 the best preservation principles.

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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all publicly-owned historic structures and sites  
31 should not undergo any alteration that would compromise the historic  
32 integrity without:

33           First a public announcement of the intent and goals of the alteration  
34 or renovation project; and

35           Second, a review conducted in accordance with state and national  
36 preservation guidelines under the direction of the Arkansas Historic

1 Preservation Program or a private consultant to insure that taxpayer money is  
2 spent to enhance the historic property and not compromise the integrity of  
3 the historic structure or site.

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