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7 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

8 RECOGNIZING THAT YOUNG ARKANSANS HAVE THE RIGHT TO MATURE
9 IN AN ENVIRONMENT FREE FROM TOBACCO AND OTHER DRUGS AND
10 FREE FROM THE PUBLIC AND PEER PRESSURE TO USE TOBACCO
11 PRODUCTS AND OTHER DRUGS.

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13 **Subtitle**

14 RECOGNIZING THAT YOUNG ARKANSANS HAVE THE RIGHT TO AN
15 ENVIRONMENT FREE FROM TOBACCO AND OTHER DRUGS AND FREE
16 FROM PUBLIC AND PEER PRESSURE TO USE SUCH DRUGS.

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18 WHEREAS, the United States Surgeon General has recognized for more than
19 two (2) decades that health hazards caused by smoking tobacco include lung
20 cancer, respiratory infections, decreased respiratory function, problems with
21 allergies, and other health ill effects which promote economic loss by the
22 adverse effect it has on productivity in the workplace; and

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24 WHEREAS, various nationally-recognized scientific and health
25 organizations have concluded that passive smoking, or involuntary exposure to
26 tobacco smoke is a significant health hazard as well as the hazards posed by
27 smoking and the use of smokeless tobacco products; and

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29 WHEREAS, tobacco smoking is a frequent cause of fires, burns, and other
30 personal and property damage and restrictions on smoking tobacco products in
31 certain public buildings is becoming a developing trend and decreasing access
32 to tobacco products to our youth protects the public health and welfare and
33 our future citizens; and

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35 *WHEREAS, it is illegal in Arkansas for any person to sell any*

1 *cigarettes, cigars, snuff, chewing tobacco, and other tobacco products to*
2 *persons under eighteen years of age;*

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4 NOW THEREFORE,

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTIETH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE
6 OF ARKANSAS:

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8 THAT the Senate of the Eightieth General Assembly of the State of
9 Arkansas respectfully recognizes the Bill of Rights for Young Arkansans:

10 As Young Arkansans under the age of eighteen (18), they have the right
11 to grow up:

12 Free of tobacco and other drugs;

13 Free from the tobacco industry's intense advertising and marketing;

14 Free from the tobacco industry's urging them to smoke, dip, and chew;

15 Free to ask the tobacco industry to quit exploiting America's and
16 Arkansas' young people and to behave responsibly toward young Arkansans;

17 Free to conclude that even one puff can lead to devastating
18 consequences, like addiction and early death induced by cancer;

19 Free to be provided Healthy, Drug-Free adult and youth role models;

20 *Free to learn the truth about tobacco, that it is highly addictive and*
21 *inherently unsafe.*

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