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8 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

9 "REQUESTING THE ADOPTION OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS
10 COMPREHENSIVE CHILD AND ADOLESCENT NUTRITION POLICY."

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12 **Subtitle**

13 "REQUESTING THE ADOPTION OF THE STATE OF
14 ARKANSAS COMPREHENSIVE CHILD AND
15 ADOLESCENT NUTRITION POLICY FOR PUBLIC
16 SCHOOLS, STATE AGENCIES AND OTHER
17 ENTITIES."

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20 WHEREAS, nutrition and food security are critical to children's growth,
21 development, and readiness to learn; and

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23 WHEREAS, healthy eating patterns in childhood and adolescence promote
24 optimal childhood health, growth, and intellectual development; prevent
25 immediate health problems, such as iron deficiency anemia, obesity, eating
26 disorders, and dental cavities; and may prevent long term health problems,
27 such as coronary heart disease, cancer, and strokes; and

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29 WHEREAS, children who are malnourished or hungry are unable to function
30 optimally in the classroom and are at risk of lower achievement in school; and

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32 WHEREAS, the resultant diminished future capacity of, and opportunities
33 for these children will affect the state's social and economic future; and

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35 WHEREAS, the legislature finds that the state has an interest in helping
36 children have access to nutritious food and encouragement to develop healthy

1 eating behaviors, and to support this interest, passed Arkansas Code 6-18-705
2 of 1991 and House Resolution 1020 and House Resolution 1023 of 1995; and

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4 WHEREAS, the programs essential to maximizing nutrition assistance and
5 education for children and adolescents in the State of Arkansas are
6 administered by a variety of state agencies and many community-based
7 organizations, but there is no structure to promote coordination, cooperation,
8 and resource development of goals and standards; and

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10 WHEREAS, the legislature passed House Resolution 1033 of 1997,
11 requesting the Arkansas Advocates for Children and Families to ensure that a
12 comprehensive child and adolescent nutrition policy be developed for the State
13 of Arkansas:

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15 NOW THEREFORE,

16 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-SECOND GENERAL
17 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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19 THAT the State of Arkansas Comprehensive Child and Adolescent Nutrition
20 Policy be adopted.

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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

23 THAT the State of Arkansas Comprehensive Child and Adolescent Nutrition
24 Policy was developed according to the guidelines set forth in House Resolution
25 1033 of 1997; and

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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

28 THAT the State of Arkansas Comprehensive Child and Adolescent Nutrition
29 Policy shall be used as a guide for the development of future legislation and
30 policy concerning nutrition in the State of Arkansas.

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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

33 THAT a copy of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Speaker
34 of the House to the Office of the Governor.

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