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8 **SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

9 URGING SUPPORT FROM ARKANSAS STATE GOVERNMENT,
10 AND FROM ARKANSANS, FOR DOWNTOWNS IN CITIES AND
11 TOWNS ACROSS THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, AND FOR
12 MAINSTREET, ARKANSAS.

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14 **Subtitle**

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21 WHEREAS, the downtown area of each city and town across Arkansas
22 contains a significant resource of historic buildings and architectural
23 heritage from our past, serves as the business center and economic heart of
24 our municipalities for the present, and is a resource for office and retail
25 space, and center of commerce and tourism for our future; and

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27 WHEREAS, the economic and social vitality of the downtowns of Arkansas'
28 cities and towns ought to be a priority throughout the state, all Arkansans
29 should be encouraged to revitalize the downtowns, and to promote policies
30 that preserve and promote use of the downtowns and historic areas; and

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32 WHEREAS, the placement of state-owned buildings and facilities in
33 central downtowns or in revitalized districts of the urban cores, suburbs,
34 cities, towns, and rural communities can improve their economic health and
35 population stability; and



1 WHEREAS, Main Street and other downtown redevelopment organizations
2 promote the use of downtowns for leasing existing office space, for
3 constructing state-owned buildings for the maximum benefit of the downtown,
4 and for the public interest of the taxpayers of Arkansas,

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6 NOW THEREFORE,

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

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10 That the Arkansas General Assembly urges the Director of State Building
11 Services, other state officials, and the governing bodies of the various
12 municipal governments to give priority to locating state and city functions
13 of government in downtown areas, to consider leases in existing redeveloped
14 space in downtown areas to promote the maximum benefit to Arkansas and to our
15 municipalities for the future, and to locate or relocate “one-stop resource
16 centers” in downtowns areas for the efficient use of our downtown centers for
17 the future.