1   State of Arkansas

2   86th General Assembly   # A Bill

3   Regular Session, 2007   HOUSE BILL   1289

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5   By: Representative Burris

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8   **For An Act To Be Entitled**

9   AN ACT TO DESIGNATE THE FIRST MONDAY IN MAY OF

10   EACH YEAR "HEMOPHILIA AWARENESS DAY"; AND FOR

11   OTHER PURPOSES.

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13   **Subtitle**

14   AN ACT TO DESIGNATE THE FIRST MONDAY IN

15   MAY OF EACH YEAR "HEMOPHILIA AWARENESS

16   DAY".

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19   BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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21   SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 1, Chapter 5, Subchapter 1 is amended

22   to add an additional section to read as follows:

23   1-5-116. Hemophilia Awareness Day.

24   (a) The General Assembly finds that:

25   (1) Hemophilia is the name of several hereditary genetic

26   illnesses that impair the body's ability to control bleeding;

27   (2) Hemophilia is characterized by excessive, uncontrollable

28   bleeding caused by missing or low-level clotting factor in the blood;

29   (3) Hemophiliac bleeding may occur even when a sufferer has

30   sustained no injury;

31   (4) Hemophiliac bleeding most often occurs in the joints and in

32   the head;

33   (5) Approximately twenty thousand (20,000) citizens nationwide

34   are suffering from hemophilia, and each year approximately four hundred (400)

35   babies are born nationwide with the disease;

36   (6) Hemophilia affects males almost exclusively, affecting one

1   in seven thousand (1 in 5,000) males;

2   (7) Hemophilia occurs in all demographic groups;

3   (8) There is no cure for hemophilia; and

4   (9) Hemophilia is a lifelong condition that can be controlled

5   with regular injections of the deficient clotting factor.

6   (b) The first Monday in May of each year shall be known in Arkansas as

7   "Hemophilia Awareness Day".

8   (c) Hemophilia Awareness Day shall not be a legal holiday but shall be

9   a memorial day to be commemorated by the issuance of an appropriate

10   proclamation by the Governor.

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