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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING ORAL AND HEAD AND NECK CANCER AWARENESS DAY.

## Subtitle

PROCLAIMING ORAL AND HEAD AND NECK
CANCER AWARENESS DAY.

WHEREAS, over fifty thousand $(50,000)$ American citizens are diagnosed every year with cancer of the head and neck region; and

WHEREAS, less than sixty percent (60\%) of all oral and head and neck cancer patients will live five (5) years following diagnosis; and

WHEREAS, over eighty-five percent ( $85 \%$ ) of all oral and head and neck cancers could have been prevented; and a small percentage of American citizens understand the diseases, causes, treatments, or prevention; and

WHEREAS, a significant number of individuals treated for these cancers encounter disability due to breathing, swallowing, speaking, physical, or visual difficulties; and

WHEREAS, increased awareness of these cancers could result in earlier diagnoses, lower functional disabilities, and higher survival rates,

NOW THEREFORE,
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-SIXTH GENERAL

ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the House of Representatives recognizes the prevalence of these types of cancers, encourages Arkansans to participate in screenings for oral and head and neck cancer, and proclaims Oral and Head and Neck Cancer Awareness Day.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon adoption of this resolution, an appropriate copy shall be provided to the Arkansas Chapter of the American Cancer Society by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

