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7 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

8 AN ACT TO COMMEMORATE THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
9 STATE BOARD OF HEALTH AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF
10 HEALTH'S SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF THE STATE OF
11 ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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Subtitle

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16 THE STATE BOARD OF HEALTH AND THE STATE
17 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH'S SERVICE TO THE
18 CITIZENS OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.

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21 WHEREAS, on February 25, 1913, the State Board of Health was
22 permanently established to address sanitation and water purification as part
23 of the Rockefeller Sanitary Commission for the Eradication of Hookworm
24 Disease; and

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26 WHEREAS, the State Board of Health is empowered to make all necessary
27 and reasonable rules and regulations of a general nature for protection of
28 the public health and safety; general improvement of the sanitary and
29 hygienic conditions within the state; suppression and prevention of
30 infectious diseases; proper enforcement of quarantine, isolation, and control
31 of such diseases; and proper control of chemical exposures that may result in
32 adverse health effects to the public; and

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34 WHEREAS, the Department of Health employs dedicated public health
35 professionals working in a variety of exacting, scientifically based
36 disciplines including medicine, nursing, education, nutrition, epidemiology,



1 toxicology, engineering, and sanitation; and

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3 WHEREAS, these public health professionals have been on the leading
4 edge of new strategies to detect and control disease outbreaks, address
5 emerging environmental contaminants, provide valuable information to people
6 about health care costs and quality of life, prepare for emergencies, and
7 promote healthy communities; and

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9 WHEREAS, the Department of Health and other public health agencies
10 across the state have been at the center of public health advancements over
11 the last 100 years that include ensuring safe food and clean drinking water,
12 identifying and controlling environmental health hazards and infectious
13 diseases, improving prenatal care resulting in healthier mothers and babies,
14 decreasing diseases through vaccinations, promoting healthy behaviors and
15 lifestyles to decrease the risk of chronic diseases such as heart disease and
16 stroke, and fluoridating drinking water resulting in improved oral health for
17 both children and adults; and

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19 WHEREAS, the State Board of Health and the Arkansas Department of
20 Health have made significant contributions to public health in the state over
21 the last 100 years; and

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23 WHEREAS, these contributions have resulted in a 25-year increase in
24 life expectancy as well as an overall increase in health status and reduction
25 in injury, disability, and disease for Arkansans; and

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27 WHEREAS, the Department of Health continues its mission to protect and
28 improve the health and well-being of all Arkansans,

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30 NOW THEREFORE,

31 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
32 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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34 THAT the Senate of the Eighty-Ninth General Assembly commemorates the
35 100th anniversary of the State Board of Health and the Department of Health's
36 service to the citizens of the State of Arkansas.