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7 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

8 TO COMMEMORATE THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE STATE
9 BOARD OF HEALTH AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH'S
10 SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.

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13 **Subtitle**

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

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20 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
21 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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

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

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36 WHEREAS, the Department of Health employs dedicated public health



1 professionals working in a variety of exacting, scientifically based
2 disciplines including medicine, nursing, education, nutrition, epidemiology,
3 toxicology, engineering, and sanitation; and
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5 WHEREAS, these public health professionals have been on the leading
6 edge of new strategies to detect and control disease outbreaks, address
7 emerging environmental contaminants, provide valuable information to people
8 about health care costs and quality of life, prepare for emergencies, and
9 promote healthy communities; and
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11 WHEREAS, *the State Board of Health, the Department of Health, and other*
12 *public health agencies across the state have been at the center of public*
13 *health advancements over the last 100 years that include ensuring safe food*
14 *and clean drinking water, identifying and controlling environmental health*
15 *hazards and infectious diseases, improving prenatal care resulting in*
16 *healthier mothers and babies, decreasing diseases through vaccinations,*
17 *promoting healthy behaviors and lifestyles to decrease the risk of chronic*
18 *diseases such as heart disease and stroke, and fluoridating drinking water*
19 *resulting in improved oral health for both children and adults; and*
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21 *WHEREAS, the State Board of Health and the Department of Health have*
22 *made significant contributions to public health in the state over the last*
23 *100 years, resulting in a 25-year increase in life expectancy as well as an*
24 *overall increase in health status and reduction in injury, disability, and*
25 *disease for Arkansans; and*
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27 WHEREAS, *the State Board of Health and the Department of Health*
28 *continue their mission to protect and improve the health and well-being of*
29 *all Arkansans,*
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31 NOW THEREFORE,

32 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
33 STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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35 THAT the Senate of the Eighty-Ninth General Assembly commemorates the
36 100th anniversary of the State Board of Health and the Department of Health's

1 service to the citizens of the State of Arkansas.

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/s/Bledsoe

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