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5 By: Representatives Vaught, C. Fite
6 By: Senator B. Davis

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8 **HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

9 TO RECOGNIZE THAT ABUSE AND NEGLECT OF CHILDREN IS A
10 SIGNIFICANT PUBLIC HEALTH PROBLEM; TO COMMEND THE
11 IMPORTANT WORK BEING DONE TO COMBAT THIS SERIOUS
12 PUBLIC HEALTH PROBLEM; AND TO PROCLAIM APRIL 11,
13 2019, AS "CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER DAY" IN ARKANSAS
14 AS PART OF NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH.

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17 **Subtitle**

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23 ADVOCACY CENTER DAY".

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26 WHEREAS, in 2018, an estimated 350,000 children were served by
27 children's advocacy centers nationwide; and

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29 WHEREAS, in 2018, 17 children's advocacy centers and 7 satellite
30 offices throughout Arkansas served an estimated 5,000 child victims of abuse,
31 providing victim advocacy and support services to them and their families;
32 and of those 5,000 children, a significant number were 12 years old or
33 younger; and

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35 WHEREAS, although neglect is the most common form of child
36 maltreatment, victims also suffer year after year from physical abuse, sexual



1 abuse, drug endangerment, commercial sexual exploitation, and psychological
2 maltreatment; and

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4 WHEREAS, children's advocacy centers seek to model, promote, and
5 deliver excellence in child abuse response and prevention through direct
6 service, education, collaboration, and leadership; and

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8 WHEREAS, Children's Advocacy Centers of Arkansas is the leading
9 statewide organization supporting the multidisciplinary response to child
10 abuse; and

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12 WHEREAS, it is appropriate to underline the growing problem of child
13 abuse and the serious impact child abuse has on the citizens of Arkansas and
14 the future generations of our state, as well as on those of the rest of the
15 nation,

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17 NOW THEREFORE,

18 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL
19 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

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21 THAT the House of Representatives recognize that abuse and neglect of
22 children is a significant public health problem; commend the important work
23 being done to combat this serious public health problem; and proclaim April
24 11, 2019, as "Children's Advocacy Center Day" in Arkansas.

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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption, a copy of this resolution shall be
27 provided to Ms. Elizabeth Pulley, Executive Director of the Children's
28 Advocacy Centers of Arkansas, by the Chief Clerk of the House of
29 Representatives.