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7 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

8 TO PROCLAIM "SAVE AR STUDENTS WEEK" AND RAISE PUBLIC
9 AWARENESS ON SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC.

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12 **Subtitle**

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14 RAISE PUBLIC AWARENESS ON SUBSTANCE ABUSE
15 AND THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC.

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18 WHEREAS, the opioid epidemic in the United States has affected many
19 individuals living in Arkansas; and

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21 WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention,
22 in 2017 Arkansas had the second-highest opioid prescription rate in the
23 country at a rate of 105.4% per 100 persons; and

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25 WHEREAS, according to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services
26 Administration, youth ages 18-20 are at the highest risk for illicit drug use
27 at 22.7% and youth ages 21-25 are at the second highest rate for use; and

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29 WHEREAS, the lives of teenagers, young adults, college students, and
30 their families around the county have been devastated by the effects of
31 opioid abuse; and

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33 WHEREAS, substance abuse is an issue of great concern among four-year
34 public universities and two-year public community colleges in the state; and

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36 WHEREAS, the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, Arkansas State



1 University at Jonesboro, Arkansas Tech University, the University of Central
2 Arkansas, Henderson State University, Southern Arkansas University, the
3 University of Arkansas at Fort Smith, the University of Arkansas at Little
4 Rock, the University of Arkansas at Monticello, the University of Arkansas at
5 Pine Bluff, Arkansas State University - Mountain Home, Cossatot Community
6 College of the University of Arkansas, East Arkansas Community College,
7 Northwest Arkansas Community College, Phillips Community College of the
8 University of Arkansas, the University of Arkansas Community College at
9 Batesville, the University of Arkansas Community College at Hope, the
10 University of Arkansas Rich Mountain, and the University of Arkansas -
11 Pulaski Technical College are joining forces to combat substance abuse across
12 their campuses and across the state; and
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14 WHEREAS, these 19 campuses of higher education are locking arms for the
15 inaugural "Save AR Students" statewide substance abuse awareness week on
16 March 11-15, 2019; and
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18 WHEREAS, these efforts are part of a larger movement combating the
19 epidemic reaching communities in all parts of the nation; and
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21 WHEREAS, addressing the increase in the over-prescription and misuse of
22 opioids, as well as the issue of increased illicit drug use, greatly benefits
23 the state and its residents,
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25 NOW THEREFORE,

26 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL
27 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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29 THAT the House of Representatives commend the effort by institutions of
30 higher education to address the opioid epidemic and proclaim March 11-15,
31 2019, as "Save AR Students Week".
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