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5 By: Representatives K. Moore, C. Fite, Vaught

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7 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

8 TO RECOGNIZE THAT ABUSE AND NEGLECT OF CHILDREN IS A
9 SIGNIFICANT PUBLIC HEALTH PROBLEM; TO COMMEND THE
10 IMPORTANT WORK BEING DONE TO COMBAT THIS SERIOUS
11 PUBLIC HEALTH PROBLEM; AND TO PROCLAIM APRIL 11,
12 2023, AS "CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER DAY" IN ARKANSAS
13 AS PART OF NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH.

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16 **Subtitle**

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24 WHEREAS, in 2022, an estimated three hundred ninety thousand (390,000)
25 children were served by children's advocacy centers nationwide; and

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27 WHEREAS, in 2022, the thirty (30) children's advocacy centers locations
28 throughout Arkansas served an estimated ten thousand three hundred (10,300)
29 child victims of abuse, provided victim advocacy and support services to the
30 victims and their families; and of those ten thousand, three hundred (10,300)
31 children, a significant number were twelve (12) years old or younger; and

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33 WHEREAS, although neglect is the most common form of child
34 maltreatment, victims also suffer year after year from physical abuse, sexual
35 abuse, drug endangerment, commercial sexual exploitation, and psychological
36 maltreatment; and



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2 WHEREAS, children's advocacy centers seek to model, promote, and
3 deliver excellence in child abuse response and prevention through direct
4 service, education, collaboration, and leadership; and
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6 WHEREAS, Children's Advocacy Centers of Arkansas is the leading
7 statewide organization supporting the multidisciplinary response to child
8 abuse; and
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10 WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the growing problem of child
11 abuse and the serious impact child abuse has on the citizens of Arkansas and
12 the future generations of our state, as well as on those of the rest of the
13 nation,
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15 NOW THEREFORE,

16 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL
17 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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19 THAT the House of Representatives recognize that abuse and neglect of
20 children is a significant public health problem commend the important work
21 being done to combat this serious public health problem, and proclaim April
22 11, 2023, as "Children's Advocacy Center Day" in Arkansas.
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption, a copy of this resolution shall be
25 provided to Ms. Elizabeth Pulley, Executive Director of the Children's
26 Advocacy Centers of Arkansas, by the Chief Clerk of the House of
27 Representatives.
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