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8 **SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

9 DESIGNATING HYPERTROPHIC CARDIOMYOPATHY AWARENESS DAY
10 TO EDUCATE PEOPLE ABOUT HYPERTROPHIC CARDIOMYOPATHY.

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

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22 WHEREAS, Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy (“HCM”) is a chronic
23 cardiovascular disease involving thickening of the heart muscle and can
24 potentially lead to debilitating symptoms and serious complications including
25 heart failure, atrial fibrillation, stroke, and in rare cases sudden cardiac
26 death; and

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28 WHEREAS, HCM is the most common inheritable heart disease and can
29 affect anyone regardless of age, gender, or ethnicity with a reported
30 prevalence ranging from one (1) in two hundred (200) to one (1) in five
31 hundred (500) in the general population; and

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33 WHEREAS, an estimated seven hundred thousand (700,000) people in the
34 United States have HCM, yet eighty-five percent (85%) of them may remain
35 undiagnosed; and



1 WHEREAS, HCM shares symptoms with other common cardiovascular and
2 pulmonary diseases, such as shortness of breath, chest pain, fatigue,
3 palpitations, and fainting, making it difficult to distinguish HCM from these
4 other diseases; and

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6 WHEREAS, all-cause mortality risk is three (3) to four (4) times higher
7 in patients with HCM than that of the general population; and

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9 WHEREAS, knowing one's medical history and any signs and symptoms of
10 HCM is an important first step in receiving an accurate diagnosis of HCM; and

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12 WHEREAS, a healthcare provider must conduct a thorough screening with
13 cardiac health questions to help identify a risk of cardiac disorders both
14 genetic and congenital; and

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16 WHEREAS, a healthcare provider may conduct several tests, including an
17 echocardiogram, a cardiac magnetic resonance image, or genetic testing to
18 confirm a family history of HCM, and must examine the heart to diagnose HCM;
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21 WHEREAS, following a diagnosis of HCM, it is important for patients to
22 work with their healthcare provider to learn more about their disease and
23 understand different management options, including prescription medicines and
24 surgical treatment options that may help; and

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26 WHEREAS, the fourth Wednesday in February is an appropriate day to
27 observe Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy Awareness Day,

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29 NOW THEREFORE,

30 BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE
31 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN;

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33 THAT the General Assembly:

34 (1) Recognize and designate the fourth Wednesday in February of
35 each year as "Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy Awareness Day" in the State of
36 Arkansas in order to raise public awareness about hypertrophic

1 cardiomyopathy;

2 (2) Acknowledge the critical importance of hypertrophic
3 cardiomyopathy awareness to improve cardiovascular health in the State of
4 Arkansas;

5 (3) Support raising awareness of the consequences of undiagnosed
6 and untreated hypertrophic cardiomyopathy and the need to seek appropriate
7 care for hypertrophic cardiomyopathy as a serious public health issue; and

8 (4) Respectfully request the Governor to annually issue a
9 proclamation recognizing the fourth Wednesday in February in the State of
10 Arkansas as “Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy Awareness Day” and call upon the
11 people in the State of Arkansas to observe the day with appropriate programs
12 and activities.

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