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2 93rd General Assembly
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6 By: Senator Hickey

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9 **HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

10 PROVIDING THAT THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE
11 SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY
12 RECESS ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 2021, AND RECONVENE
13 ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2021; TO AUTHORIZE ADDITIONAL
14 RECESSES OF FOUR (4) OR MORE CONSECUTIVE DAYS; AND TO
15 EXTEND BILL AND RESOLUTION INTRODUCTION AND
16 CONSIDERATION DEADLINES IN THE EVENT OF A RECESS OF
17 FOUR (4) OR MORE CONSECUTIVE DAYS DUE TO
18 CIRCUMSTANCES RELATED TO THE CORONAVIRUS 2019 (COVID-
19 19) PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY.

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22 **Subtitle**

23 PROVIDING FOR RECESSES OF FOUR (4) OR
24 MORE CONSECUTIVE DAYS OF THE HOUSE OF
25 REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE OF THE
26 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

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31 WHEREAS, Arkansas Constitution, Article 5, § 28, provides that neither
32 house of the General Assembly may adjourn for more than three (3) days
33 without the consent of the other house; and

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35 WHEREAS, the House of Representatives and the Senate may complete their
36 work of the first week of the 2021 Regular Session of the Ninety-Third



1 General Assembly on Thursday, January 14, 2021; and

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3 WHEREAS, Arkansas Code § 10-2-128 provides that in respect to Dr.
4 Martin Luther King, Jr., and in observation of his birthday, neither the
5 House of Representatives nor the Senate shall convene in session nor shall
6 any of their committees meet on the third Monday in January; and

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8 WHEREAS, Monday, January 18, 2021, is the third Monday in January of
9 2021; and

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11 WHEREAS, the House of Representatives and the Senate wish to resume
12 their work on Tuesday, January 19, 2021; and

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14 WHEREAS, due to the coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) public health
15 emergency, there is a possibility that the House of Representatives and the
16 Senate may need to recess for four (4) or more consecutive days in order to
17 safeguard the health and safety of all members of the Ninety-Third General
18 Assembly, their staff, and members of the public,

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20 NOW THEREFORE,

21 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL
22 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

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24 (a) That the House of Representatives and the Senate may recess at the
25 close of business on Thursday, January 14, 2021, and reconvene on Tuesday,
26 January 19, 2021;

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28 (b) That the House of Representatives and the Senate may, by
29 declaration of the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President
30 Pro Tempore of the Senate, respectively, recess for periods of four (4) or
31 more consecutive days;

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33 (c) That if the House of Representatives and the Senate recess for
34 four (4) or more consecutive days during the first fifteen (15) days of the
35 2021 Regular Session of the Ninety-Third General Assembly due to
36 circumstances related to the coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) public health

1 emergency, the fifteen-day introduction deadline for any proposed legislation
2 affecting the licensure of any profession, occupation, or class of healthcare
3 providers, not currently licensed, or expanding the scope of practice of any
4 profession, occupation, or class of healthcare providers, shall be extended
5 for a time period equal to the recess. If this introduction deadline is
6 extended, the Senate and House and committees of the Senate and House, shall
7 take no action on any such bill for an additional fifteen (15) calendar days
8 after the extended deadline for introduction of such bills has passed;

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10 (d) That if the House of Representatives and the Senate recess for
11 four (4) or more consecutive days during the first thirty-one (31) days of
12 the 2021 Regular Session of the Ninety-Third General Assembly due to
13 circumstances related to the coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) public health
14 emergency, the thirty-first-day introduction deadline for a resolution
15 proposing a constitutional amendment shall be extended for a time period
16 equal to the recess; and

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18 (e) That if the House of Representatives and the Senate recess for
19 four (4) or more consecutive days during the first fifty (50) days of the
20 2021 Regular Session of the Ninety-Third General Assembly due to
21 circumstances related to the coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) public health
22 emergency, the fiftieth-day introduction deadline for appropriation bills
23 shall be extended for a time period equal to the recess.

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