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7 **HOUSE CONCURRENT 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 2021, 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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18 CHILDREN IS A SIGNIFICANT PUBLIC HEALTH  
19 PROBLEM; TO COMMEND THE IMPORTANT WORK  
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21 PROCLAIM APRIL 11, 2021, AS “CHILDREN’S  
22 ADVOCACY CENTER DAY”.  
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25 WHEREAS, in 2018, an estimated three hundred fifty thousand (350,000)  
26 children were served by children’s advocacy centers nationwide; and  
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28 WHEREAS, in 2018, seventeen (17) children’s advocacy centers and seven  
29 (7) satellite offices throughout Arkansas served an estimated six thousand  
30 (6,000) child victims of abuse, providing victim advocacy and support  
31 services to them and their families; and of those six thousand (6,000)  
32 children, a significant number were twelve (12) years old or younger; and  
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34 WHEREAS, although neglect is the most common form of child  
35 maltreatment, victims also suffer year after year from physical abuse, sexual  
36 abuse, drug endangerment, commercial sexual exploitation, and psychological



1 maltreatment; and

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

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

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

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16 NOW THEREFORE,

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

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20 THAT the House of Representatives recognize that abuse and neglect of  
21 children is a significant public health problem; commend the important work  
22 being done to combat this serious public health problem; and proclaim April  
23 11, 2021, as "Children's Advocacy Center Day" in Arkansas.

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