

1 State of Arkansas  
2 94th General Assembly  
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HR 1032

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7 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

8 TO DESIGNATE THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY AS NATIONAL  
9 CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH MONTH.

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13 TO DESIGNATE THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY AS  
14 NATIONAL CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH MONTH.

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17 WHEREAS, the future is dependent to a large measure on the good health  
18 of our families; and

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20 WHEREAS, good health can be achieved in part through good dental habits  
21 learned early and reinforced throughout life; and

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23 WHEREAS, research shows that a balanced diet, proper oral hygiene, and  
24 preventative dental care can prevent tooth decay and reduce dental-related  
25 illnesses, which cause school-age children in the United States to miss  
26 thirty-four million (34,000,000) school hours annually, starting as early as  
27 first grade, and socioeconomic disparities exist within those lost hours; and

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29 WHEREAS, National Children's Dental Health Month is an opportunity for  
30 the citizens of Arkansas to unite and join in the observance of National  
31 Children's Dental Health Month to raise public awareness about the importance  
32 of good oral health for all children,

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34 NOW THEREFORE,  
35 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL  
36 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:



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THAT the House of Representatives:

(1) Recognize the importance and practice of good dental health, especially in children, to ensure the well-being of generations to come; and

(2) Designate the month of February as "National Children's Dental Health Month".