

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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SENATE RESOLUTION

TO COMMEMORATE THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE STATE
BOARD OF HEALTH AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH'S
SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.

Subtitle

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH'S SERVICE TO THE
CITIZENS OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
STATE OF ARKANSAS:

WHEREAS, on February 25, 1913, the State Board of Health was permanently established to address sanitation and water purification as part of the Rockefeller Sanitary Commission for the Eradication of Hookworm Disease; and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Health is empowered to make all necessary and reasonable rules and regulations of a general nature for protection of the public health and safety; general improvement of the sanitary and hygienic conditions within the state; suppression and prevention of infectious diseases; proper enforcement of quarantine, isolation, and control of such diseases; and proper control of chemical exposures that may result in adverse health effects to the public; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Health employs dedicated public health



professionals working in a variety of exacting, scientifically based disciplines including medicine, nursing, education, nutrition, epidemiology, toxicology, engineering, and sanitation; and

WHEREAS, these public health professionals have been on the leading edge of new strategies to detect and control disease outbreaks, address emerging environmental contaminants, provide valuable information to people about health care costs and quality of life, prepare for emergencies, and promote healthy communities; and

WHEREAS, *the State Board of Health, the Department of Health, and other public health agencies across the state have been at the center of public health advancements over the last 100 years that include ensuring safe food and clean drinking water, identifying and controlling environmental health hazards and infectious diseases, improving prenatal care resulting in healthier mothers and babies, decreasing diseases through vaccinations, promoting healthy behaviors and lifestyles to decrease the risk of chronic diseases such as heart disease and stroke, and fluoridating drinking water resulting in improved oral health for both children and adults; and*

WHEREAS, the State Board of Health and the Department of Health have made significant contributions to public health in the state over the last 100 years, resulting in a 25-year increase in life expectancy as well as an overall increase in health status and reduction in injury, disability, and disease for Arkansans; and

WHEREAS, *the State Board of Health and the Department of Health continue their mission to protect and improve the health and well-being of all Arkansans,*

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the Senate of the Eighty-Ninth General Assembly commemorates the 100th anniversary of the State Board of Health and the Department of Health's

service to the citizens of the State of Arkansas.

/s/Bledsoe