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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Pediatric Acute-onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome, also known as "PANS", is a clinically defined disorder characterized by the sudden onset of obsessive-compulsive symptoms or eating restrictions, accompanied by two (2) or more symptoms of acute behavioral deterioration or motor and sensory changes, or both; and

WHEREAS, Pediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorder Associated with Streptococcal Infections, also known as "PANDAS", is a term used to describe a subset of children and adolescents within the broader PANS classification who have obsessive compulsive disorder (OCD) or tic disorders, and in whom symptoms worsen following streptococcal infections such as strep sore throat and scarlet fever; and

WHEREAS, PANS and PANDAS were identified in 2012 by Dr. Susan Swedo; and as doctors are not required to report the number of patients suffering



with these disorders, the true number of affected individuals is unknown; and

WHEREAS, the plight of children with PANS and PANDAS requires increased awareness, knowledge, and treatment throughout the state, especially among healthcare professionals,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the House of Representatives recognize Pediatric Acute-onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome and Pediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorder Associated with Streptococcal Infections, encourage the promotion of awareness of the disorders, and proclaim October 9 of each year as PANS and PANDAS Awareness Day.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption of this resolution, a copy shall be provided to the Director of the Department of Health by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.