

1 State of Arkansas
2 95th General Assembly
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HR 1016

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5 By: Representatives T. Shephard, Barnett
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8 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

9 TO RECOGNIZE FEBRUARY 10, 2025, AS KIDS COUNT DAY AT
10 THE STATE CAPITOL, AND TO RECOGNIZE THE ARKANSAS KIDS
11 COUNT COALITION FOR ITS ADVOCACY ON BEHALF OF THE
12 CHILDREN OF ARKANSAS.
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22 WHEREAS, the Arkansas Kids Count Coalition is a membership coalition
23 comprised of diverse individuals and organizations concerned about policies
24 impacting children in Arkansas, and is staffed by Arkansas Advocates for
25 Children and Families; and
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27 WHEREAS, the Arkansas Kids Count Coalition serves as a strong,
28 independent nongovernmental grassroots voice for the children of Arkansas,
29 providing education and policy resources to support advocacy for the well-
30 being of all Arkansas children; and
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32 WHEREAS, when the Arkansas Kids Count Coalition was founded in 1996,
33 one (1) in four (4) Arkansas children lived in poverty, but today those
34 figures have dropped to only one (1) in five (5); and
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36 WHEREAS, the membership of the Arkansas Kids Count Coalition is



1 composed of twenty-six (26) organizations and one hundred four (104)
2 individuals who live across Arkansas, from Marianna to Lowell to Jonesboro to
3 Hot Springs; and
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5 WHEREAS, the members of the Arkansas Kids Count Coalition work to
6 improve the mental health of families, and function as nonprofits alleviating
7 hunger in their communities; and
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9 WHEREAS, the members of the Arkansas Kids Count Coalition are retired
10 educators and parents who want to improve the lives of all the children of
11 Arkansas, no matter where those children are from or what they look like; and
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13 WHEREAS, throughout each year, the members of the Arkansas Kids Count
14 Coalition connect with and educate advocates around Arkansas, giving them
15 tools and resources to lobby Arkansas lawmakers regarding the well-being of
16 Arkansas children; and
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18 WHEREAS, in 2024, the Arkansas Kids Count Coalition hosted fourteen
19 (14) events in eight (8) towns in Arkansas and online, with four hundred
20 forty-two (442) total attendees; and
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22 WHEREAS, on February 10, 2025, the members of the Arkansas Kids Count
23 Coalition will be at the State Capitol to celebrate the biannual Kids Count
24 Day at the State Capitol; and
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26 WHEREAS, because of the advocacy of the members of the Arkansas Kids
27 Count Coalition, the members of the General Assembly, and Arkansas citizens
28 who lifted up the voices of children, continued progress has been seen in the
29 well-being of Arkansas children; and
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31 WHEREAS, the Arkansas Kids Count Coalition believes that laws are made
32 by the people who show up and vows to continue to show up for Arkansas
33 children and ensure that Arkansas continues to make progress in improving the
34 lives of the children of Arkansas,
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36 NOW THEREFORE,

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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4 THAT the House of Representatives recognize February 10, 2025, as Kids
5 Count Day at the State Capitol and recognize the Arkansas Kids Count
6 Coalition for its advocacy for Arkansas children.

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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption, a copy of this resolution be
9 provided to the membership of the Arkansas Kids Count Coalition by the Chief
10 Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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