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5 By: Senator Irvin

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8 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

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

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13 **Subtitle**

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

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17 WHEREAS, the future of the State of Arkansas is dependent to a large
18 extent on the good health of its 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 that cause school-aged children in the United States to miss
26 thirty-four million (34,000,000) school hours annually, starting as early as
27 grade one (1), lost hours that exacerbate socioeconomic disparities; and

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

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34 NOW THEREFORE,
35 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
36 STATE OF ARKANSAS:



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THAT the Senate recognize the importance and practice of good dental health, especially in children, to ensure the well-being of generations to come in the State of Arkansas and designate the month of February as National Children's Dental Health Month.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon adoption, a copy of this resolution be presented to the leaders of Delta Dental Plan of Arkansas and the Delta Dental of Arkansas Foundation, Inc., by the Secretary of the Senate.