



# Save AR Students Proclamation

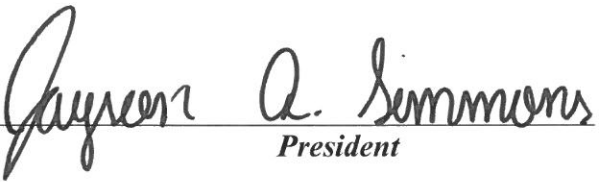
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Student Government Association

- Whereas, The United States' opioid epidemic has affected many living in the state of Arkansas; and
- Whereas, Substance abuse is a prevalent issue among 4-year public universities, and 2-year public community colleges in the state of Arkansas; and
- Whereas, The lives of teenagers, young adults, other college students, and their families around the country have been devastated by the effects of opioid abuse; and
- Whereas, According to the Centers for Disease Control, in 2017 Arkansas has the 2nd highest opioid prescription rate in the country at a rate of 105.4 percent per 100 persons; and
- Whereas, According to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration, youth ages 18-25 are at the highest rate for illicit drug use at 22.7 percent; and
- Whereas, The University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Arkansas State University, Arkansas Tech University, University of Central Arkansas, Henderson State University, Southern Arkansas University, University of Arkansas at Fort Smith, University of Arkansas at Little Rock, University of Arkansas at Monticello, University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, ASU Mountain Home, Cossatot Community College of the University of Arkansas, East Arkansas Community College, Northwest Arkansas Community College, Phillips Community College of the University of Arkansas, University of Arkansas Community College at Batesville, University of Arkansas Community College at Hope, University of Arkansas at Rich Mountain, and University of Arkansas Pulaski Technical College are joining forces to combat substance abuse across the state of Arkansas; and
- Whereas, These 19 institutions of higher education are locking arms for the inaugural "Save AR Students" statewide substance abuse awareness week on March 11-15, 2019; and
- Whereas, These efforts are a large impetus for the stimulation of a movement combating the epidemic, reaching to communities in all parts of the nation; and
- Whereas, The role of the Student Government Association is to be the voice of the students attending Arkansas Tech University; and

Whereas, Solving the issue of the increase in the over prescription and misuse of opioids as well as the issue of increased illicit drug use greatly benefits the state of Arkansas and its residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Student Government Association of Arkansas Tech University hereby proclaims the Week of March 11-15, 2019 as

Save AR Students Week

  
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