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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of February 25 through March 3, 2019, as
2 "Eating Disorders Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania in
3 conjunction with the observance of "National Eating Disorders
4 Awareness Week."

5 WHEREAS, The goal of National Eating Disorders Awareness Week
6 (NEDAwareness Week) is to shine the spotlight on eating
7 disorders by educating the public, spreading a message of hope
8 and putting life-saving resources into the hands of those in
9 need; and

10 WHEREAS, Eating disorders have the highest mortality rate of
11 any mental illness and approximately 30 million Americans
12 struggle at some point in their lives with an eating disorder;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Unfortunately, myths and misinformation keep people
15 from getting the help they need; and

16 WHEREAS, These disorders affect people across all backgrounds
17 and include anorexia nervosa, bulimia nervosa and binge eating
18 disorders; and

1 WHEREAS, The 2019 theme of "National Eating Disorders
2 Awareness Week" is "Come as You Are," highlighting the National
3 Eating Disorder Association's movement towards inclusivity in
4 the greater eating disorders community and the goal of unifying
5 the field of eating disorders; and

6 WHEREAS, The 2019 theme "Come as You Are" sends a message to
7 individuals at all stages of body acceptance and eating
8 disorders recovery that their stories are valid; and

9 WHEREAS, Our culture has a complicated relationship with
10 food, exercise and appearance, which leads to food and body
11 image issues that negatively impact us all; and

12 WHEREAS, The goal of the 2019 "Come as You Are" theme is to
13 expand conversations, bust myths, provide an online screening
14 tool and share a wide range of experiences, resources and
15 diverse stories of recovery; and

16 WHEREAS, Signs and symptoms of eating disorders are often
17 overlooked, and many individuals, families and communities are
18 unaware of the devastating mental and physical consequences of
19 eating disorders, as well as the pressures, attitudes and
20 behaviors that shape them; and

21 WHEREAS, Many cases of eating disorders go undetected, and
22 less than one-third of youths with eating disorders will receive
23 treatment; and

24 WHEREAS, Eating disorder experts have found that prompt,
25 intensive treatment significantly improves the chances of
26 recovery; and

27 WHEREAS, The Senate recognizes that "National Eating
28 Disorders Awareness Week" highlights the importance of
29 screenings for the early detection and intervention of eating
30 disorders, dispels myths and presents eating disorders as a

1 public health issue with close connections to substance abuse,
2 obesity, trauma and other mental health conditions, such as
3 depression, anxiety and obsessive-compulsive disorder; therefore
4 be it

5 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the week of February 25
6 through March 3, 2019, as "Eating Disorders Awareness Week" in
7 Pennsylvania in conjunction with the observance of "National
8 Eating Disorders Awareness Week."