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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES, FEBRUARY 3, 2020

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of February 24 through March 1, 2020, as
2 "Eating Disorders Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, "Eating Disorders Awareness Week" is a campaign
4 started by the National Eating Disorders Association (NEDA) to
5 support individuals and families impacted by eating disorders,
6 such as anorexia nervosa, bulimia nervosa, binge eating disorder
7 and orthorexia; and

8 WHEREAS, "Eating Disorders Awareness Week" is the largest and
9 best-known eating disorders outreach effort in the United
10 States; and

11 WHEREAS, In 2019, NEDA started the Come As You Are
12 initiative, which highlighted its movement toward inclusivity in
13 the greater eating disorder community; and

14 WHEREAS, This campaign stresses that regardless of an
15 individual's body shape, weight, race, gender identity, ability,
16 religion, socioeconomic status, sexual orientation or stage of
17 body acceptance and eating disorder recovery, the individual's

1 story is valid and deserves to be heard; and

2 WHEREAS, Through "Eating Disorders Awareness Week" in 2020,
3 NEDA aims to improve the public understanding of eating
4 disorders and their causes, dangers and treatments and seeks to
5 empower every individual to reduce risk factors and join
6 prevention efforts; and

7 WHEREAS, This year's "Eating Disorders Awareness Week" is
8 accompanied by the Come As You Are: Hindsight is 20/20 campaign,
9 offering the opportunity for all people to get involved and
10 share their stories; and

11 WHEREAS, By sharing collective experiences and learning
12 opportunities, "Eating Disorders Awareness Week" offers
13 individuals a platform to prioritize inclusivity and come
14 together to invigorate public discourse on eating disorders and
15 body acceptance; and

16 WHEREAS, In 2019, Pennsylvania's Secretary of Health, Dr.
17 Rachel Levine, and State legislators joined with eating disorder
18 advocates to raise awareness about the prevalence of eating
19 disorders, especially among this Commonwealth's youths, and
20 emphasize the need for resources useful to recovery; and

21 WHEREAS, Approximately 25% of individuals with anorexia
22 nervosa are men, and disordered eating behaviors are nearly as
23 common among men as they are among women; and

24 WHEREAS, Due in part to cultural and medical bias, men are
25 less likely to seek treatment and have a higher risk of dying
26 because of under-diagnosed or undiagnosed eating disorders; and

27 WHEREAS, In a recent case study of 496 adolescent girls over
28 a span of eight years, researchers found that 5.2% of the girls
29 met clinical criteria for anorexia, bulimia or binge eating
30 disorder; and

1 WHEREAS, Anyone looking for support, information, referrals
2 and guidance about eating disorders, either for themselves or a
3 loved one, can contact the NEDA Helpline at 1-800-931-2237;
4 therefore be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
6 week of February 24 through March 1, 2020, as "Eating Disorders
7 Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.