
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, JANUARY 27, 2021

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of February 22 through 28, 2021, as "Eating
2 Disorders Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania in conjunction with
3 the observance of "National Eating Disorders Awareness Week."

4 WHEREAS, The National Eating Disorders Association's (NEDA's)
5 "National Eating Disorders Awareness Week" is the largest and
6 best-known eating disorders outreach effort in the country; and

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

12 WHEREAS, Eating disorders have the highest mortality rate of
13 any mental illness and approximately 30 million Americans
14 struggle at some point in their lives with an eating disorder;
15 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 2021 theme for "NEDAwareness Week" is "Every
2 Body Has a Seat at the Table"; and

3 WHEREAS, This theme invites inclusivity in the greater eating
4 disorder community and sends a message to individuals at all
5 stages of body acceptance that their eating disorder recovery
6 issues are valid; and

7 WHEREAS, Signs and symptoms of eating disorders are often
8 overlooked, and many individuals, families and communities are
9 unaware of the devastating mental and physical consequences of
10 eating disorders, as well as the pressures, attitudes and
11 behaviours that shape them; and

12 WHEREAS, Many cases of eating disorders go undetected, and
13 less than one-third of youths with eating disorders receive
14 treatment; and

15 WHEREAS, Eating disorder experts have found that prompt,
16 intensive treatment significantly improves the chances of
17 recovery; and

18 WHEREAS, The Senate recognizes that "National Eating
19 Disorders Awareness Week" highlights the importance of
20 screenings for early detection and intervention of eating
21 disorders, dispels myths and presents eating disorders as a
22 public health issue with close connections to substance abuse,
23 obesity, trauma and other mental health conditions such as
24 depression, anxiety and obsessive-compulsive disorder; therefore
25 be it

26 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the week of February 22
27 through 28, 2021, as "Eating Disorders Awareness Week" in
28 Pennsylvania in conjunction with the observance of "National
29 Eating Disorders Awareness Week."