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**HOUSE
RESOLUTION No. _____**

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1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION recognizing February 25
2 through March 3, 2019, as National Eating Disorders
3 Awareness Week in 2019.
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5 *Whereas, The 2019 theme of National Eating Disorders*
6 *Awareness Week is "Come As You Are," with a focus on*
7 *expanding the conversation around eating disorders to include*
8 *the diverse perspectives of the millions of people affected;*

9 *Whereas, The goal of this year's campaign is to shine a light*
10 *on these deadly illnesses, dispel misinformation, and connect*
11 *people with the support they need to recover;*

12 *Whereas, Signs and symptoms of an eating disorder are*
13 *often overlooked, and many individuals, families, and*
14 *communities are unaware of the pressures, attitudes, and*

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1 *behaviors that lead to eating disorders;*

2 *Whereas, Eating disorders are serious conditions that can be*
3 *life-threatening and have lasting impacts on a person's physical*
4 *and emotional health;*

5 *Whereas, Many cases of eating disorders go undetected, and*
6 *less than one-third of young people with eating disorders*
7 *receive treatment;*

8 *Whereas, 20 million women and 10 million men in the*
9 *United States suffer from clinically significant eating disorders*
10 *at some time in their life, and these disorders affect people*
11 *across all backgrounds and include anorexia nervosa, bulimia*
12 *nervosa, and binge eating disorders;*

13 *Whereas, The National Eating Disorders Association strives*
14 *to address the many misconceptions regarding eating disorders*
15 *and highlights the availability of resources for treatment and*
16 *support;*

17 *Whereas, National Eating Disorders Awareness Week is a*
18 *collaborative effort consisting of mostly volunteers, including*
19 *health care providers, eating disorder professionals, students,*
20 *educators, and social workers;*

21 *Whereas, Prompt intensive treatment significantly improves*
22 *the chance of recovery for individuals that suffer from an eating*
23 *disorder; therefore, it is important for educators, medical*
24 *providers, parents, and community members to be aware of the*
25 *warning signs and the symptoms of eating disorders; and*

26 *Whereas, National Eating Disorders Awareness Week*
27 *encourages people to share their stories and experiences with*
28 *eating disorders and body image struggles; highlights the*
29 *importance of screening for early detection and intervention;*
30 *dispels myths about disorders; and presents eating disorders as*
31 *a public health issue that affects people regardless of age,*
32 *gender, ethnicity, size, or background: Therefore,*

33 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the*
34 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*



1 SECTION 1. That the House of Representatives recognizes
2 February 25 through March 3, 2019, as National Eating
3 Disorders Awareness Week in 2019.

