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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of February 26 through March 4, 2018, 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 2018 theme of "National Eating Disorders  
2 Awareness Week" is "Let's Get Real," which focuses on expanding  
3 the conversation about eating disorders and highlights stories  
4 that are not often heard; and

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

8       WHEREAS, The goal of the 2018 "Let's Get Real" theme is to  
9 expand conversations, bust myths, provide an online screening  
10 tool and share a wide range of experiences, resources and  
11 diverse stories of recovery; and

12       WHEREAS, Signs and symptoms of eating disorders are often  
13 overlooked, and many individuals, families and communities are  
14 unaware of the devastating mental and physical consequences of  
15 eating disorders as well as the pressures, attitudes and  
16 behaviors that shape them; and

17       WHEREAS, Many cases of eating disorders go undetected, and  
18 less than one-third of youths with eating disorders will receive  
19 treatment; and

20       WHEREAS, Eating disorder experts have found that prompt,  
21 intensive treatment significantly improves the chances of  
22 recovery; and

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

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4 Eating Disorders Awareness Week."