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House Resolution

A resolution designating the week of February 27-March 5, 2023, as "Eating Disorders Awareness Week" in Florida.

WHEREAS, eating disorders affect 28.8 million Americans, including 1.8 million Floridians, without regard to gender, gender identity, age, race, ethnicity, body shape and weight, ability, sexual orientation, or socioeconomic status, and

WHEREAS, eating disorders, specifically anorexia nervosa, bulimia nervosa, binge eating disorder, avoidant restrictive food intake disorder, and other feeding or eating disorders, are complex, biologically based illnesses, and

WHEREAS, eating disorders are highly prevalent among servicemembers and veterans of the United States Armed Forces, and

WHEREAS, eating disorders are associated with serious physical health consequences, including irregular heartbeat, heart disease and heart failure, kidney failure, osteoporosis, gastric rupture, tooth decay, obesity, gallbladder disease, diabetes, and death, and

WHEREAS, in the United States, 10,200 deaths occur annually as a direct result of an eating disorder, equating to one death every 52 minutes, and

25 WHEREAS, eating disorders have the second highest mortality
 26 rate among all psychiatric illnesses in the United States, and

27 WHEREAS, with early detection and intervention, long-term
 28 recovery from an eating disorder is possible, and

29 WHEREAS, the National Alliance for Eating Disorders, a
 30 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, is a leading, national eating
 31 disorders organization, headquartered in Florida, dedicated to
 32 the outreach, education, support, and early intervention for all
 33 eating disorders, and

34 WHEREAS, the National Eating Disorders Association, the
 35 largest nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting
 36 individuals and families affected by eating disorders, serves as
 37 a catalyst for prevention, cures, and access to quality care,
 38 NOW, THEREFORE,

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 40 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
 41 Florida:

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 43 That the week of February 27-March 5, 2023, is designated
 44 as "Eating Disorders Awareness Week" in Florida and that all
 45 Floridians are encouraged to become better informed about eating
 46 disorders.