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DELAWARE STATE SENATE
149th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 45

DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF MARCH AS "EATING DISORDERS AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH"
IN DELAWARE

1 WHEREAS, state level epidemiological data is lacking, however a projected 26,000 females and 11,000 males in
2 Delaware may suffer from an eating disorder during their lifetime; and

3 WHEREAS, in the United States, up to 30 million people of all ages and genders suffer from an eating disorder
4 during their lifetime including anorexia, bulimia, and binge eating; and

5 WHEREAS, over one-half of teenage girls and nearly one-third of teenage boys use unhealthy weight control
6 behaviors such as skipping meals, fasting, smoking cigarettes, self-induced vomiting, and taking laxatives; and

7 WHEREAS, an increasing number of adults are being diagnosed with eating disorders; and

8 WHEREAS, eating disorders have the highest mortality rate of any mental illness; and

9 WHEREAS, education and awareness are critical to early intervention, direction to treatment, and assisting those
10 seeking help; and

11 WHEREAS, eating disorders are treatable, yet there are no eating disorder-specific organizations, facilities,
12 programs, or residential treatment options in the State of Delaware to provide assistance; and

13 WHEREAS, the Department of Health and Social Services is encouraged to research methods to prevent and raise
14 awareness of eating disorders.

15 NOW, THEREFORE:

16 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the 149th General Assembly of the State of Delaware, that the month of
17 March is designated as "Eating Disorders Awareness and Prevention Month" in Delaware.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health and Social Services is encouraged to research
19 methods to prevent and raise awareness of eating disorders.

SYNOPSIS

This Senate Resolution designates March as "Eating Disorders Awareness and Prevention Month" in Delaware and encourages the Department of Health and Social Services to research methods to prevent and raise awareness of eating disorders.

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