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DELAWARE STATE SENATE  
151st GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 17

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

1 WHEREAS, eating disorders affect people of all genders, ages, races, ethnicities, body shapes and weights, sexual  
2 orientations, and socioeconomic statuses; and

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

5 WHEREAS, a projected 26,000 females and 11,000 males in Delaware may suffer from an eating disorder during  
6 their lifetime; and

7 WHEREAS, over one-half of teenage girls and nearly one-third of teenage boys use unhealthy weight control  
8 behaviors; and

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

10 WHEREAS, an eating disorder diagnosis is a health crisis that disrupts personal and family functioning; and

11 WHEREAS, eating disorders have the highest mortality rate of any mental illness, including an increased risk for  
12 suicide; and

13 WHEREAS, education and awareness are critical to promoting early detection, effective treatment, and assistance  
14 to those seeking help; and

15 WHEREAS, with early detection and intervention, full recovery from an eating disorder is possible; and

16 WHEREAS, there are no eating disorder-specific organizations, facilities, programs, or residential treatment  
17 options in the State of Delaware to provide assistance.

18 NOW, THEREFORE:

19 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the 151th General Assembly of the State of Delaware, the House of  
20 Representatives concurring therein, that the month of March is designated as "Eating Disorders Awareness and Prevention  
21 Month" in Delaware.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health and Social Services is encouraged to research  
23 methods to raise awareness of, prevent, and treat 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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