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DELAWARE STATE SENATE
151st GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 75

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, total economic costs associated with eating disorders were estimated to be \$64.7 billion in the fiscal
6 year 2018-2019; and

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

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

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

12 WHEREAS, an eating disorder diagnosis is a health crisis, causing a substantial reduction in well-being, that
13 disrupts personal and family functioning; and

14 WHEREAS, eating disorders have one of the highest mortality rates of any mental illness, including an increased
15 risk for suicide; and

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

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

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

21 NOW, THEREFORE:

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

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health and Social Services is encouraged to research
26 methods to raise awareness of, prevent, and treat eating disorders.

SYNOPSIS

This Senate Concurrent 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 raise awareness of, prevent, and treat eating disorders.

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