

By Senator Aronberg

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Senate Resolution

A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of
NEDAwareness Week.

WHEREAS, an estimated 5 million to 10 million people in the
United States suffer from eating disorders, including anorexia
nervosa, bulimia nervosa, and binge eating disorder, and

WHEREAS, eating disorders are more common among women, but
an increasing number of men also suffer from these disorders,
and

WHEREAS, an estimated .5 percent to 3.7 percent of women in
the United States will suffer from anorexia nervosa in their
lifetimes, an estimated 1.1 percent to 4.2 percent of women in
the United States will suffer from bulimia nervosa, and an
estimated 2 percent to 5 percent of people in the United States
experience binge eating disorder during any given 6-month
period, and

WHEREAS, anorexia nervosa has the highest premature
mortality rate of any mental illness, and eating disorders are
associated with serious physical health consequences, including
irregular heartbeats, heart disease and heart failure, kidney
failure, osteoporosis, gastric rupture, peptic ulcer, tooth
decay, obesity, gall bladder disease, diabetes, and death, and

WHEREAS, eating disorders are also associated with
substantial psychological problems, including depression,
substance abuse, and suicide, and

WHEREAS, the Alliance for Eating Disorders Awareness and
H.O.P.E (Helping Other People Eat) of Florida, working in
conjunction with the National Eating Disorders Association, have

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30 designated the week of February 22-28, 2009, as NEDAwareness
31 Week to increase public awareness of eating disorders and to
32 promote healthful eating habits and a healthy body image, NOW,
33 THEREFORE,

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35 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

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37 That the Florida Senate supports the goals and ideals of
38 National Eating Disorders Awareness Week and applauds efforts to
39 increase the public awareness of eating disorders, expand
40 research for treatment and cures, broaden access to treatment,
41 and promote healthful eating habits and body image.