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## House Resolution

A resolution recognizing the week of February 24-March 2, 2025, 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 influenced mental 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

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25           WHEREAS, eating disorders have the second highest mortality  
26 rate of any psychiatric illness 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 24-March 2, 2025, is recognized  
44 as "Eating Disorders Awareness Week" in Florida to increase  
45 awareness and education concerning eating disorders.