

House Resolution 1465

By: Representatives Dollar of the 45th, Cooper of the 43rd, Hatchett of the 150th, and Ramsey of the 72nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 21-27, 2016, as Eating Disorders Awareness Week at the capitol, in
2 conjunction with the observance of National Eating Disorders Awareness Week; and for
3 other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the theme of National Eating Disorders Awareness (NEDA) Week for 2016 is
5 "Three Minutes Can Save a Life," which will focus on the life-saving benefits of early
6 detection and intervention; and

7 WHEREAS, eating disorders are potentially life-threatening illnesses, not a lifestyle choice,
8 that have a great impact on both a person's physical and emotional health, yet signs and
9 symptoms are often overlooked; less than one-third of youth with eating disorders will
10 receive treatment and many individuals, families, and communities are unaware of the
11 devastating mental and physical consequences of eating disorders, as well as the pressures,
12 attitudes, and behaviors which shape them; and

13 WHEREAS, in the United States, 20 million women and 10 million men suffer from
14 clinically significant eating disorders; these disorders affect people of all backgrounds and
15 include anorexia nervosa, bulimia nervosa, and binge eating disorders; and

16 WHEREAS, NEDA strives to address the many misconceptions regarding eating disorders
17 and to highlight the availability of resources for treatment and support; and

18 WHEREAS, NEDA Week is a collaborative effort consisting primarily of volunteers,
19 including eating disorder professionals, health care providers, students, educators, social
20 workers, and individuals committed to raising awareness of the dangers surrounding eating
21 disorders; and

22 WHEREAS, NEDA and Eating Disorders Week at the capitol will highlight the importance
23 of screening for early detection and intervention, since early intervention can significantly

24 increase the likelihood of preventing the onset of a full-blown eating disorder and lead to full
25 recovery and access to treatment; and

26 WHEREAS, eating disorders usually appear in adolescence and are associated with
27 substantial psychological problems, including depression, substance abuse, and suicide and
28 anorexia has the highest mortality rate of any mental illness; and

29 WHEREAS, the members of this body recognize the vital work of NEDA Week in
30 promoting public and media attention to the seriousness of eating disorders and for working
31 to improve education about their biological and environmental causes, as well as how to help
32 those who are struggling with these debilitating diseases.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
34 the members of this body recognize February 21-27, 2016, as Eating Disorders Awareness
35 Week at the capitol.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
37 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
38 National Eating Disorders Association and the Diana Jodel Foundation.