

## House Resolution 1465

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## 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.