A HOUSE RESOLUTION recognizing February 25 through March 3, 2019, as National Eating Disorders Awareness Week in 2019.

Whereas, The 2019 theme of National Eating Disorders Awareness Week is "Come As You Are," with a focus on expanding the conversation around eating disorders to include the diverse perspectives of the millions of people affected;

Whereas, The goal of this year's campaign is to shine a light on these deadly illnesses, dispel misinformation, and connect people with the support they need to recover;

Whereas, Signs and symptoms of an eating disorder are often overlooked, and many individuals, families, and communities are unaware of the pressures, attitudes, and
behaviors that lead to eating disorders;

Whereas, Eating disorders are serious conditions that can be life-threatening and have lasting impacts on a person's physical and emotional health;

Whereas, Many cases of eating disorders go undetected, and less than one-third of young people with eating disorders receive treatment;

Whereas, 20 million women and 10 million men in the United States suffer from clinically significant eating disorders at some time in their life, and these disorders affect people across all backgrounds and include anorexia nervosa, bulimia nervosa, and binge eating disorders;

Whereas, The National Eating Disorders Association strives to address the many misconceptions regarding eating disorders and highlights the availability of resources for treatment and support;

Whereas, National Eating Disorders Awareness Week is a collaborative effort consisting of mostly volunteers, including health care providers, eating disorder professionals, students, educators, and social workers;

Whereas, Prompt intensive treatment significantly improves the chance of recovery for individuals that suffer from an eating disorder; therefore, it is important for educators, medical providers, parents, and community members to be aware of the warning signs and the symptoms of eating disorders; and

Whereas, National Eating Disorders Awareness Week encourages people to share their stories and experiences with eating disorders and body image struggles; highlights the importance of screening for early detection and intervention; dispels myths about disorders; and presents eating disorders as a public health issue that affects people regardless of age, gender, ethnicity, size, or background: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana: