

2015 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 13

BY SENATOR WALSWORTH

LEGIS POWERS/FUNCTIONS. Recognizes Wednesday, April 29, 2015, as Eating Disorder Awareness and Prevention Day at the Louisiana State Capitol.

A RESOLUTION

To recognize Wednesday, April 29, 2015, as "Eating Disorder Awareness and Prevention Day" at the Louisiana State Capitol.

WHEREAS, eating disorders develop as a result of an unhealthy relationship with food and physical weight that can interfere with all areas of a person's life; and

WHEREAS, a person's thoughts become preoccupied with food, weight, or exercise, resulting in a person struggling with unrealistic, self-critical evaluation and body image; and

WHEREAS, the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders recognizes anorexia nervosa, bulimia nervosa, binge eating disorder, and other specified feeding and eating disorders; and

WHEREAS, there are no conclusive causes of eating disorders, even with multiple factors such as genetics, metabolism, and psychological issues that include self-control, coping skills, trauma, personality factors, along with family and social issues; and

WHEREAS, more than fifty percent of adults with eating disorders meet the criteria for depression, and fifty percent of children between the ages of eleven and thirteen see themselves as overweight, making eating disorders one of the top five, most common illnesses among adolescents in the United States; and

WHEREAS, only one in ten men and women with eating disorders receive treatment,

1 and only thirty-five percent of people receive treatment at specialized facilities; and

2 WHEREAS, approximately eight million women in the United States suffer from an
3 eating disorder, and up to twenty-four million people of all ages and genders also suffer from
4 an eating disorder; and

5 WHEREAS, the mortality rate associated with anorexia nervosa is twelve times
6 higher than the death rate associated with all causes of death for females between the ages
7 of fifteen and twenty-four; and

8 WHEREAS, in conjunction with the National Eating Disorder Association, the Miss
9 Louisiana and Miss America Scholarship organizations, there are numerous and successful
10 platforms that have been created to enhance inspiration, create renewed hope, and provide
11 added treatment facilities to those struggling with all eating disorders.

12 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
13 does hereby recognize Wednesday, April 29, 2015, as "Eating Disorder Awareness and
14 Prevention Day" at the Louisiana State Capitol.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Kelly
16 Bernard.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Michelle Broussard-Johnson.

	DIGEST	
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