

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 27

Reps. Pohutsky, Paiz, Rheingans and Rogers offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare February 24-March 2, 2025, as Eating
2 Disorders Awareness Week in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, In the United States, 28.8 million Americans will
4 have an eating disorder in their lifetime; and

5 Whereas, Eating disorders include a range of serious but
6 treatable mental health disorders characterized by disturbances in
7 eating behaviors, thoughts, and emotions with a preoccupation with
8 food, body weight, and shape; and

9 Whereas, Eating disorders affect every age, sex, gender, race,
10 ethnicity, and socioeconomic group; and

11 Whereas, Eating disorders are also associated with high levels
12 of medical and social impairments and can affect every system in
13 the body. Too often, signs and symptoms are overlooked, and many

1 individuals, families, and communities are unaware of the
2 devastating mental and physical consequences of eating disorders,
3 as well as the pressures, attitudes, and behaviors which shape
4 them; and

5 Whereas, Eating disorders usually appear in adolescence and
6 are associated with substantial psychological problems, including
7 depression, substance abuse, and suicide; and

8 Whereas, The intent of Eating Disorder Awareness Week is to
9 expand the conversation around eating disorders to include the
10 diverse perspectives of millions of people affected. Eating
11 disorders are shrouded in stigma, secrecy, and stereotypes. The
12 week is a collaborative effort consisting primarily of volunteers,
13 including eating disorder professionals, health care providers,
14 students, educators, social workers, and individuals committed to
15 raising awareness of the dangers surrounding eating disorders and
16 the need for early intervention; and

17 Whereas, Chance for recovery increases the earlier the eating
18 disorder is detected; and

19 Whereas, Prevention includes systematic attempts to change the
20 circumstances that promote, initiate, sustain, or intensify
21 problems; now, therefore, be it

22 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
23 this legislative body declare February 24-March 2, 2025, as Eating
24 Disorder Awareness Week in the state of Michigan. We call this
25 observance to the attention of all our citizens.