March 11, 2021 – Introduced by Representative VRUWINK. Referred to Committee on Rules.

Relating to: recognizing the week of February 22 to 28, 2021, as Eating Disorders Awareness Week in Wisconsin.

Whereas, the National Eating Disorders Association’s “National Eating Disorders Awareness Week” is the largest and best-known eating disorders outreach effort in the country; and

Whereas, this week shines a spotlight on eating disorders by educating the public, spreading a message of hope, and putting life-saving resources into the hands of those in need; and

Whereas, eating disorders have the highest mortality rate of any mental illness and approximately 30 million Americans struggle at some point in their lives with an eating disorder; and

Whereas, these disorders affect people across all backgrounds and include anorexia nervosa, bulimia nervosa, and binge eating disorders; and

Whereas, the 2021 theme is “Every Body Has a Seat at the Table”; and
Whereas, this theme invites inclusivity in the greater eating disorder community and sends a message to individuals at all stages of body acceptance that their eating disorder recovery issues are valid; and

Whereas, signs and symptoms of eating disorders are often overlooked, and many individuals, families, and communities are unaware of the devastating mental and physical consequences of eating disorders, as well as the pressures, attitudes, and behaviors that shape them; and

Whereas, many cases of eating disorders go undetected, and less than one-third of youths with eating disorders receive treatment; and

Whereas, eating disorder experts have found that prompt, intensive treatment significantly improves the chances of recovery; and

Whereas, the Wisconsin State Assembly recognizes that “National Eating Disorders Awareness Week” highlights the importance of screenings for early detection and intervention of eating disorders, dispels myths, and presents eating disorders as a public health issue with close connections to substance abuse, obesity, trauma, and other mental health conditions such as depression, anxiety, and obsessive-compulsive disorder; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the assembly, That the Wisconsin State Assembly recognizes the week of February 22 to 28, 2021, as “Eating Disorders Awareness Week” in Wisconsin in conjunction with the observance of “National Eating Disorders Awareness Week.”

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