

State of Misconsin 2021 - 2022 LEGISLATURE

## **2021 ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 13**

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

1	<b>Relating to:</b> recognizing the week of February 22 to 28, 2021, as Eating Disorders
2	Awareness Week in Wisconsin.
3	Whereas, the National Eating Disorders Association's "National Eating
4	Disorders Awareness Week" is the largest and best-known eating disorders outreach
5	effort in the country; and
6	Whereas, this week shines a spotlight on eating disorders by educating the
7	public, spreading a message of hope, and putting life-saving resources into the
8	hands of those in need; and
9	Whereas, eating disorders have the highest mortality rate of any mental illness
10	and approximately 30 million Americans struggle at some point in their lives with
11	an eating disorder; and
12	Whereas, these disorders affect people across all backgrounds and include
13	anorexia nervosa, bulimia nervosa, and binge eating disorders; and
14	Whereas, the 2021 theme is "Every Body Has a Seat at the Table"; and

1	Whereas, this theme invites inclusivity in the greater eating disorder
2	community and sends a message to individuals at all stages of body acceptance that
3	their eating disorder recovery issues are valid; and
4	Whereas, signs and symptoms of eating disorders are often overlooked, and
5	many individuals, families, and communities are unaware of the devastating mental
6	and physical consequences of eating disorders, as well as the pressures, attitudes,
7	and behaviors that shape them; and
8	Whereas, many cases of eating disorders go undetected, and less than
9	one-third of youths with eating disorders receive treatment; and
10	Whereas, eating disorder experts have found that prompt, intensive treatment
11	significantly improves the chances of recovery; and
12	Whereas, the Wisconsin State Assembly recognizes that "National Eating
13	Disorders Awareness Week" highlights the importance of screenings for early
14	detection and intervention of eating disorders, dispels myths, and presents eating
15	disorders as a public health issue with close connections to substance abuse, obesity,
16	trauma, and other mental health conditions such as depression, anxiety, and
17	obsessive-compulsive disorder; now, therefore, be it
18	Resolved by the assembly, That the Wisconsin State Assembly recognizes the
19	week of February 22 to 28, 2021, as "Eating Disorders Awareness Week" in Wisconsin
20	in conjunction with the observance of "National Eating Disorders Awareness Week."

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