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8 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

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10 RAISE AWARENESS, PROMOTE EDUCATION, AND ENCOURAGE  
11 EARLY INTERVENTION AND TREATMENT FOR EATING  
12 DISORDERS.  
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15 **Subtitle**

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22 WHEREAS, eating disorders affect approximately nine percent (9%) of the  
23 population of the United States, equating to twenty-eight million, eight  
24 hundred thousand (28,800,000) citizens; and  
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26 WHEREAS, eating disorders have the highest mortality rate of any  
27 psychiatric illness, with one (1) person dying every fifty-two (52) minutes  
28 as a direct consequence of an eating disorder; and  
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30 WHEREAS, women experience eating disorders at more than two (2) times  
31 the rate of men, with lifetime prevalence rates estimated at eight and six-  
32 tenths percent (8.6%) for women compared to four and seven-hundredths percent  
33 (4.07%) for men; and  
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35 WHEREAS, individuals from marginalized communities, military personnel,  
36 athletes, and men face unique challenges in diagnosis, treatment, and access



1 to care for eating disorders; and

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3 WHEREAS, eating disorders show significant links with other mental  
4 health conditions including depression, anxiety, post-traumatic stress  
5 disorder, and substance use disorders, with a high prevalence of suicidal  
6 ideation and suicide attempts among those affected; and

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8 WHEREAS, young people, including teenagers and college students, are  
9 particularly vulnerable to developing disordered eating behaviors, with risk  
10 factors such as dieting, body dissatisfaction, and societal pressures  
11 contributing to the rise in cases; and

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13 WHEREAS, eating disorders have a substantial economic and public health  
14 impact, with Arkansas ranking thirteenth in the nation for eating disorder  
15 prevalence and incurring an estimated forty-two million, four hundred  
16 thousand dollars (\$42,400,000) in related healthcare costs annually; and

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18 WHEREAS, Arkansas hospitals experience an average of two hundred  
19 fifteen (215) inpatient hospitalizations and four hundred ninety-five (495)  
20 emergency room visits annually due to eating disorders, further highlighting  
21 the need for improved awareness, prevention, and treatment options,

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23 NOW THEREFORE,

24 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL  
25 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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27 THAT Eating Disorder Action Week be recognized as a time to raise  
28 awareness, promote education, and encourage early intervention and treatment  
29 for eating disorders.

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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT medical professionals, educators, policymakers,  
32 and community organizations work collaboratively to improve access to  
33 treatment, reduce stigma, and provide comprehensive support for individuals  
34 affected by eating disorders.

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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT local, state, and national leaders take proactive

1 steps to implement policies and allocate resources that address the growing  
2 prevalence of eating disorders, ensuring that all individuals, especially  
3 women, who are disproportionately affected, receive the care and support they  
4 need.

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