



# National Eating Disorders Awareness Week

House Resolution 428

## ABOUT EATING DISORDERS

Eating disorders are serious mental illnesses that affect individuals across the nation. It is essential that eating disorders are recognized and better understood so they may be prevented, detected early, and treated properly.



**20 million women and 10 million men in the United States** will suffer from an eating disorder in their lifetime.

## Did you know?

**Eating disorders have the highest mortality rate** of any mental illness.

**Eating disorders can affect anyone.** People of all ages, genders, socioeconomic statuses, sexual orientations, races and ethnicities can suffer from an eating disorder.



**Eating disorders can be successfully treated**, yet only about one third of people ever receive treatment.

## BRING AWARENESS TO EATING DISORDERS

In June 2017, Representatives Tim Murphy [R-PA-18] and G.K. Butterfield [D-NC-01] introduced House Resolution 428 with 41 original co-sponsors (26 Democrats/15 Republicans) to recognize the last week of February as National Eating Disorders Awareness Week.

# House Resolution 428

- ✓ **Recognizes National Eating Disorders Awareness Week**
- ✓ **Recognizes the prevalence of eating disorders and need for treatment**
- ✓ **Supports the goals and ideals of raising public awareness for eating disorders**
- ✓ **Acknowledges that eating disorders can be successfully treated and people can recover**
- ✓ **Encourages the government and citizens to support National Eating Disorders Awareness Week through programs and activities and promote awareness of eating disorders**

## SIGN-ON AS A CO-SPONSOR

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