

September 24, 2018

Health, Human Services and Medicaid Committee  
The Ohio Senate  
1 Capitol Square  
Columbus, OH 43215

RE: Senate Concurrent Resolution 19

Dear Chair Burke, Vice Chair Beagle, Ranking Minority Member Tavares, and Members of the Committee:

The National Eating Disorders Association (NEDA) thanks you for considering of Senate Concurrent Resolution (SCR) 19 Designating Eating Disorders Awareness Week in Ohio, February 26-March 4, 2018, at a committee hearing on September 25, 2018. While the date has passed, recognizing National Eating Disorder Awareness Week in Ohio is significant to acknowledging the impact that eating disorder have on the state's constituents and communities.

The goal of National Eating Disorders Awareness Week is to put the spotlight on eating disorders and improve public understanding of their causes, dangers, and treatments. Thirty million Americans will struggle with an eating disorder, and eating disorders have the highest mortality rate of any mental health disorder. By increasing awareness and access to resources, we can encourage early detection and intervention, and take steps toward saving lives.

In addition to recommending passage of SCR 19, NEDA writes in strong support of Senator Yuko's Senate Bill 245, designating recognition of Eating Disorders Awareness Week annually, commencing the week beginning the last Monday in February.

If NEDA can serve as a resource to the Committee as it considers these and other legislation related to eating disorders or associated issues, please do not hesitate to contact us. We look forward to assisting the Committee in any way possible to help Ohioans in their fight against these deadly disorders.

Sincerely,

Claire Mysko, CEO

cc: Senator Kenny Yuko