

**SENATE RESOLUTION
1999-8628**

By Senators Brown, Goings, Eide, Kohl-Welles and Fraser

WHEREAS, February 20-27 marks Eating Disorders Awareness Week, established by Eating Disorders Awareness and Prevention, Inc., a national, Seattle-based, non-profit organization dedicated to increasing the awareness and prevention of eating disorders; and

WHEREAS, Eating disorders, including anorexia nervosa, bulimia nervosa, and compulsive overeating, are extreme expressions of a range of weight and food issues experienced by both men and women; and

WHEREAS, These disorders can lead to a variety of life-threatening physical and mental health problems; and

WHEREAS, More than five million Americans suffer from eating disorders; and

WHEREAS, Fifteen percent of young women have substantially disordered eating attitudes and behaviors; and

WHEREAS, Our culture's unrelenting glorification of thinness and the "perfect body" at the expense of physical and emotional health is a contributing factor to eating disorders;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the members of the Washington State Senate recognize that eating disorders are serious diseases that affect the mind and body simultaneously and can have grave medical consequences, especially for our younger population; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to Eating Disorders Awareness and Prevention, Inc.

I, Tony M. Cook, Secretary of the Senate,
do hereby certify that this is a true and
correct copy of Senate Resolution 1999-8628,
adopted by the Senate February 24, 1999.

TONY M. COOK
Secretary of the Senate