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RESOLUTION NO. 230203

Sponsor: Councilmember Andrea Bough

RESOLUTION - Declaring the Week of February 27 through March 5, 2023, as National Eating Disorder Awareness Week throughout the City of Kansas City, Missouri.

WHEREAS, this year's theme for National Eating Disorder Awareness Week, "It's Time for Change" recognizing that change is not achieved in a bubble or echo chamber, but that celebrates strength being found through experience and knowledge; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme encourages catalytic change can be achieved through the opportunity of sharing lived experience and eating disorder education. We recognizes the real element of change is the volunteers, clinicians, family members, and friends that stand in the gap; and

WHEREAS, eating disorders are serious but treatable mental and physical illnesses that affect 28.8 million Americans at some point in their lives no matter their gender, age, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, body shape or weight with the chances of recovery increasing the earlier an eating disorder is detected; and

WHEREAS, every 52 minutes someone dies as a direct result of an eating disorder; and

WHEREAS, Black, Indigenous and People of Color are 50% less likely to be diagnosed and receive treatment and are significantly less likely to be asked by a doctor about eating disorder symptoms. Gay men are seven times more likely to report binge-eating and twelve times more likely to report purging than heterosexual men, transgender college students report experiencing disordered eating approximately 4 times the rate of their cisgendered classmates; and

WHEREAS, through awareness we encourage those suffering from an eating disorder to seek support, treatment, and care from our local resources like the Children's Mercy Eating Disorder Center; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

That the Mayor and Council hereby declare February 27-March 5, 2023, as Eating Disorder Awareness Week throughout the City of Kansas City, Missouri; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be spread upon the Minutes of the Council in testimony thereof and that a copy hereof be presented to Amanda Dietz, Connor Stangler, and Lisa Horn from Children's Mercy Eating Disorder Center with the gratitude of the Mayor and Council and encouraging all citizens to increase awareness, education, and services for eating disorders which impact millions of people each year.

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