

**WHEREAS**, as many as 30 million Americans, and 600,000 Floridians, are currently battling eating disorders; and

**WHEREAS**, eating disorders are not by choice, but are serious, biologically-influenced illnesses; and

**WHEREAS**, eating disorders are associated with serious physical health consequences, including irregular heartbeats, heart disease and heart failure, kidney failure, osteoporosis, gastric rupture, tooth decay, obesity, gall bladder disease, diabetes, and death; and

**WHEREAS**, at least once every 62 minutes, someone dies due to their struggle with an eating disorder, and anorexia nervosa has the highest mortality rate of any mental illness; and

**WHEREAS**, eating disorders know no boundaries with respect to gender, age, race, ethnicity, body shape and weight, sexual orientation, and socioeconomic status; and

**WHEREAS**, with early detection and intervention, full recovery from an eating disorder is possible; and

**WHEREAS**, The Alliance for Eating Disorders Awareness, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, is a premier eating disorders organization in South Florida dedicated to providing programs and activities aimed at outreach, education, and early intervention for all eating disorders.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Commission of the City of Coconut Creek, Florida, hereby proclaims February 25, 2018, – March 3, 2018, as

***“EATING DISORDERS AWARENESS WEEK”***

**IN WITNESS HEREOF, we have hereunto  
set our hands and caused the seal of  
the City of Coconut Creek to be affixed  
this 22th day of February 2018.**