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Pictured left to right: Michelle Bertelle, Martha Steuding, Elisa Ball, Legislator Carl Belfiglio, Bianca Covello, and Ellen Pendegar

Chair Bernardo Proclaims the Week of February 26, 2012 – March 3, 2012 Ulster County Eating Disorder Awareness Week

Nationally, eating disorders affect over 10 million women and roughly 1 million men, in this country alone. There are three types of disorders, Anorexia Nervosa, Bulimia Nervosa and Binge Eating Disorder.

A disease that affects over 10 million women cannot go unnoticed. Therefore, The Chair of the Ulster County Legislature, Terry L. Bernardo, has declared the week of February 26, 2012 – March 3, 2012 Eating Disorder Awareness Week in Ulster County.

At the Monthly Meeting of the Ulster County Legislature on Tuesday, February 21, 2012, Legislator Carl Belfiglio took the lead in recognizing the Ulster County Mental Health Association and the Ulster County Eating Disorder Coalition for their work supporting those inflicted with eating disorders, and their family members.

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Legislator Belfiglio noted the lack of specialized outpatient treatment facilities in Ulster County. He believes that it is imperative to promote awareness of the problems families and afflicted people have gaining help and support.

Also recognized at the Monthly Legislative Meeting were Bianca Covello, Amanda Landerway, and Madison Ball, who donated \$2,000 from the proceeds of their Celebrate Life Bracelet Fundraiser to the Ulster County Eating Disorder Coalition to help bring awareness and support to the community.

“My hope is that the \$2,000 gift to the Ulster County Eating Disorder Coalition will encourage the County Executive and our own Health Department to realize that eating disorders, like childhood obesity, are a serious problem within Ulster County,” said Legislator Belfiglio. “With this proclamation, this government will continue to work on Michael Hein’s goal of making Ulster County the healthiest County in N.Y.”

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