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WRITTEN DECLARATION

pursuant to Rule 123 of the Rules of Procedure
on establishing 22 May as European Obesity Day

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Written declaration on establishing 22 May as European Obesity Day

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the European Charter on Counteracting Obesity, adopted by the WHO Regional Office in 2006,
 - having regard to the Commission's White Paper of 30 May 2007 entitled 'A Strategy for Europe on Nutrition, Overweight and Obesity related health issues' (COM(2007)0279),
 - having regard to the European Parliament resolution of 25 September 2008 on the White Paper on nutrition, overweight and obesity-related health issues (2007/2285(INI)),
 - having regard to Rule 123 of its Rules of Procedure,
1. Deplores the fact that overweight/obesity levels continue to rise at an alarming rate, particularly among children;
 2. Reiterates that overweight/obesity is a chronic disease which also acts as a major risk factor for other chronic diseases including diabetes, cardiovascular diseases and certain types of cancer;
 3. Calls upon the Commission to take stock of the European Parliament resolutions on overweight/obesity to ensure that sufferers are not stigmatised, discriminated against or marginalised and that they are empowered to manage their weight;
 4. Invites the Commission to facilitate the training of healthcare professionals to treat overweight/obese individuals and ensure that they receive an optimal level of care, both in terms of evidence-based treatment and prevention;
 5. Calls upon the Commission and Member States to formally recognise 22 May as European Obesity Day to raise awareness of the need for policymakers to take action at every level;
 6. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the Commission and the parliaments of the Member States.