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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Declaring the week of October 3 through 9, 1999, as "Reflex  
2 Sympathetic Dystrophy Syndrome Awareness Week" in  
3 Pennsylvania.

4 WHEREAS, All Pennsylvanians should be made aware that a  
5 multitude of seemingly unrelated disorders constitute the  
6 serious condition known as reflex sympathetic dystrophy syndrome  
7 (RSDS); and

8 WHEREAS, There are an estimated eight million people  
9 throughout the United States who suffer from RSDS, a painful  
10 disorder caused by an overactive sympathetic nervous system  
11 following a trauma, injury, infection or surgery; and

12 WHEREAS, In 70% of patients RSDS spreads through the same,  
13 opposite or both extremities and can spread throughout the body;

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2 WHEREAS, Any part of the body, internally or externally, may  
3 be affected, causing constant and excruciating pain; and

4 WHEREAS, Despite the efforts of many health care  
5 professionals, researchers and doctors, RSDS remains extremely  
6 difficult to diagnose and treat; and

7 WHEREAS, If the disease is undetected and untreated in the  
8 early stages, the cure rate for patients drops significantly to  
9 less than 5%, and RSDS may become a lifelong debilitating  
10 condition; therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives declare the week  
12 of October 3 through 9, 1999, as "Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy  
13 Syndrome Week" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge the citizens  
15 of this Commonwealth to learn about the causes, symptoms,  
16 diagnoses and treatments for reflex sympathetic dystrophy  
17 syndrome; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be provided to the  
19 Philadelphia Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy Support Group, the  
20 Northwestern Pennsylvania Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy Syndrome  
21 Association and the Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy Syndrome  
22 Association of America.