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# SENATE RESOLUTION

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of November 2018 as "Reflex Sympathetic  
2 Dystrophy Syndrome Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Reflex sympathetic dystrophy syndrome (RSD) is a  
4 chronic, progressive neurological pain disorder that generally  
5 starts in a limb; and

6 WHEREAS, RSD affects nerves, skin, soft tissue, bones and  
7 blood supply; and

8 WHEREAS, Constant and intense burning pain, limited mobility,  
9 swelling and inflammation are associated with RSD; and

10 WHEREAS, Excessive sweating, constriction or dilation of  
11 blood vessels, muscle spasms, extreme sensitivity to touch, skin  
12 changes, insomnia and emotional disturbance variably occur as  
13 RSD progresses; and

14 WHEREAS, RSD often stems from trauma, injury, surgery or  
15 serious infection but is known to occur in the absence of  
16 definable injury; and

17 WHEREAS, RSD-induced pain and dysfunction are

1 disproportionate to any triggering injury or event; and

2 WHEREAS, RSD is clinically referred to as complex regional  
3 pain syndrome (CRPS) type I; and

4 WHEREAS, Tissue injury without underlying nerve injury is a  
5 common precursor for RSD/CRPS-I; and

6 WHEREAS, Distinct nerve injury, especially injury caused by  
7 high-velocity impact, is a common precursor for RSD/CRPS type  
8 II; and

9 WHEREAS, RSD/CRPS-II was renamed from causalgia, the term  
10 designated by a military physician during the Civil War to  
11 describe the persistent burning pain and hypersensitivity  
12 reported among wounded soldiers; and

13 WHEREAS, Late diagnosis and treatment of RSD can result in  
14 significant psychosocial consequences and permanent disability;  
15 and

16 WHEREAS, Timely and aggressive coordinated care aims to  
17 mediate pain, improve range of motion, restore function,  
18 normalize sensation and induce remission in affected  
19 individuals; therefore be it

20 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of November  
21 2018 as "Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy Syndrome Month" in  
22 Pennsylvania.