

WHEREAS, RSDS ~~currently afflicts an estimated~~ is estimated to afflict 7 million children and adults in the United States and approximately 133,000 in Maryland; and

WHEREAS, RSDS can strike at any time and is a complex and little known disease; and

WHEREAS, RSDS can strike at any age but is more common between the ages of 40 and 60; and

~~WHEREAS, RSDS is often misdiagnosed and treatment is delayed because it is misdiagnosed; and~~

WHEREAS, The early treatment of RSDS ~~often results~~ can result in a remission of the disease symptoms; and

~~WHEREAS, If treatment is delayed, the disorder can quickly spread causing irreversible changes in bone and muscle and severe physical and psychological problems; and~~

WHEREAS, Treatment includes multiple medications and procedures that may be prohibitively expensive; and

WHEREAS, RSDS is recognized by the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke which supports and conducts research relevant to RSDS; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the federal government is encouraged to promote programs that will increase awareness, early detection, ~~research~~, and treatment of Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy Syndrome; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the United States Congress is encouraged to designate ~~October~~ November of each year as National Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy Syndrome Awareness Month; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Governor is requested to designate ~~October~~ November of each year as Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy Syndrome Awareness Month; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of Legislative Services to the Honorable Parris N. Glendening, Governor of Maryland; the Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland; the Honorable Casper R. Taylor, Jr., Speaker of the House of Delegates, and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of Legislative Services to the Maryland Congressional Delegation: Senators Paul S. Sarbanes and Barbara A. Mikulski, Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510; and Representatives Wayne T. Gilchrest, Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Benjamin L. Cardin, Albert R. Wynn, Steny Hamilton Hoyer, Roscoe G. Bartlett, Elijah E. Cummings, and Constance A. Morella, House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515.

Signed May 18, 2001.