

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 10

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**ENROLLED RESOLUTION**

-- *Economic and Environmental Affairs/Environmental Matters* --

Introduced by **Senators Jacobs, Ferguson, Hafer, Harris, Hooper, McCabe,  
Roesser, Sfikas, Stoltzfus, and Teitelbaum**

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this  
\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock, \_\_\_\_ M.

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President.

RESOLUTION NO. 3

1 A Senate Joint Resolution concerning

2 **Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy Syndrome Awareness Month**

3 FOR the purpose of requesting the Governor and encouraging the United States  
4 Congress to designate ~~October~~ November as Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy  
5 Syndrome Awareness Month; encouraging the federal government to develop  
6 programs relating to Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy Syndrome; and generally  
7 relating to Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy Syndrome.

8 WHEREAS, Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy Syndrome (RSDS), also known as  
9 Complex Regional Pain Syndrome, is an extremely painful progressive chronic  
10 disease of the nervous system resulting from a simple trauma, infection, ~~or~~ surgery,  
11 and unknown causes that can lead to chronic inflammation, spasms, burning pain,  
12 stiffness, pathological changes in skin and bone, excessive sweating, tissue swelling,  
13 and extreme sensitivity to touch; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

