
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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CALTAGIRONE AND READSHAW, OCTOBER 25, 2019

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, OCTOBER 25, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of November 2019 as "Complex Regional Pain
2 Syndrome Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Complex regional pain syndrome (CRPS) is a chronic
4 pain condition that usually affects a single limb after an
5 injury to the peripheral and central nervous systems; and

6 WHEREAS, CRPS is more common in women but can occur in anyone
7 at any age, though it is rare in the elderly and young children;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Most cases of CRPS are triggered by bone fractures,
10 sprains, burns, cuts, surgery, receiving a needle injection or a
11 limb immobilized in a cast; and

12 WHEREAS, CRPS patients suffer from continuous, intense pain
13 that gets worse over time and may spread throughout the entire
14 affected area; and

15 WHEREAS, Other common symptoms of the condition are swelling,
16 joint stiffness, muscle weakness or spasms and sensitivity to
17 touch or cold; and

1 WHEREAS, There is no cure for CRPS and patients may require
2 several different treatments for the condition, including
3 medication, physical and occupational therapy and behavioral
4 management; and

5 WHEREAS, Some patients succeed in recovering from the
6 condition, while others suffer permanently; and

7 WHEREAS, Additional research is needed in order to better
8 understand and treat complex regional pain syndrome; therefore
9 be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
11 month of November 2019 as "Complex Regional Pain Syndrome
12 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize
14 "Complex Regional Pain Awareness Month" to raise awareness and
15 acknowledge the need for more research on this condition.