

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION

No. 145

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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SYNOPSIS

Designates November of each year as “Complex Regional Pain Syndrome Awareness Month in New Jersey.”

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 2/25/2020)

1 **A JOINT RESOLUTION** designating November of each year as
2 “Complex Regional Pain Syndrome Awareness Month in New
3 Jersey.”

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5 **WHEREAS**, Complex regional pain syndrome (CRPS), also known as
6 reflex sympathetic dystrophy, is a disorder of a portion of the body,
7 usually starting in a limb, which manifests as extreme pain,
8 swelling, limited range of motion, and changes to the skin and
9 bones; and

10 **WHEREAS**, CRPS usually manifests itself following an injury and is
11 believed to be caused by damage to, or malfunction of, the
12 peripheral and central nervous systems; and

13 **WHEREAS**, The central nervous system is composed of the brain and
14 spinal cord, and the peripheral nervous system involves nerve
15 signaling from the brain and spinal cord to the rest of the body; and

16 **WHEREAS**, CRPS is characterized by prolonged or excessive pain and
17 changes in skin color, temperature, and swelling in affected areas;
18 and

19 **WHEREAS**, CRPS symptoms vary in severity and duration, as
20 symptoms may be characterized as minor and temporary, or severe,
21 resulting in permanent disability; and

22 **WHEREAS**, For many who suffer with CRPS, the color “orange”
23 symbolizes the burning sensation caused by CRPS; and

24 **WHEREAS**, It is important for the State of New Jersey to recognize
25 those who suffer with CPRS and to raise awareness for those
26 individuals with orange ribbons and appropriate activities and
27 programs; now, therefore,

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29 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the*
30 *State of New Jersey:*

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32 1. November of each year is designated as “Complex Regional
33 Pain Syndrome Awareness Month in New Jersey.”

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35 2. The Governor may annually issue a proclamation recognizing
36 November of each year as “Complex Regional Pain Syndrome
37 Awareness Month in New Jersey” and call upon public officials and
38 the residents of the State of New Jersey to observe the month with
39 appropriate activities and programs, including the distribution of
40 orange ribbons.

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42 3. This joint resolution shall take effect immediately.

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45 STATEMENT

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47 This joint resolution designates November of each year as
48 “Complex Regional Pain Syndrome Awareness Month in New

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2 sympathetic dystrophy, is a disorder of a portion of the body,
3 usually starting in a limb, which manifests as extreme pain,
4 swelling, limited range of motion, and changes to the skin and
5 bones. The resolution provides that the Governor may annually issue
6 a proclamation recognizing November of each year as “Complex
7 Regional Pain Syndrome Awareness Month in New Jersey” and call
8 upon public officials and the residents of the State of New Jersey to
9 observe the month with appropriate activities and programs, including
10 the distribution of orange ribbons. The color “orange” symbolizes the
11 burning sensation caused by Complex Regional Pain Syndrome.