

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION

No. 253

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

219th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED DECEMBER 9, 2021

Sponsored by:

Assemblywoman CAROL A. MURPHY

District 7 (Burlington)

SYNOPSIS

Permanently designates first Monday in November as “Complex Regional Pain Syndrome Awareness Day” in New Jersey.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 **A JOINT RESOLUTION** permanently designating the first Monday in
2 November as “Complex Regional Pain Syndrome Awareness
3 Day” in New Jersey.
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5 **WHEREAS**, Complex regional pain syndrome, also called reflex
6 sympathetic dystrophy (CRPS/RSD), is a type of chronic pain
7 condition; and

8 **WHEREAS**, CRPS/RSD occurs after an injury, and affects one limb,
9 such a as an arm, leg, hand, or foot. Although CRPS/RSD is not
10 yet completely understood, it is believed the syndrome results from
11 an abnormality in the central or peripheral nervous system and an
12 inappropriate immune system response; and

13 **WHEREAS**, Symptoms of CRSP/RSD include, but are not limited to,
14 swelling, joint stiffness, pain, tremors, muscle spasms, muscle
15 atrophy, changes in skin color, skin texture, hair, or nails, burning
16 or stinging sensation, and reduced mobility; and

17 **WHEREAS**, There is no known cure for CRPS/ RSD, but a
18 combination of physical therapies, medication, and psychological
19 support can help manage the symptoms; and

20 **WHEREAS**, The National Institute of Neurological Disorders and
21 Stroke (NINDS), part of the National Institutes of Health (NIH),
22 leads NIH research on CRPS/RSD; and

23 **WHEREAS**, NINDS-supported scientists are studying new approaches
24 to understand and treat CRPS/RSD, intervene to limit the symptoms
25 and disability associated with the syndrome, and support future
26 CRPS/RSD clinical trials using federal Food and Drug
27 Administration-approved treatments for autoimmune disease; and

28 **WHEREAS**, Since 2014, the first Monday in November has been
29 recognized as “Color The World Orange” Day to raise global
30 awareness of, and bring attention to, CRPS/RSD and all those
31 affected by the syndrome; and

32 **WHEREAS**, On that Monday, famous buildings and landmarks all over
33 the world are lit with the color orange, including, but not limited to,
34 Niagara Falls between Ontario and New York, the Kosciuszko
35 Bridge in New York, and the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame in
36 Cleveland, Ohio; and

37 **WHEREAS**, The permanent designation of the first Monday in
38 November as “Complex Regional Pain Syndrome Awareness Day”
39 in the State of New Jersey will serve to raise public awareness
40 about the signs and symptoms of CRPS/RDS, bolster research
41 efforts to develop treatments for, and limit the disabilities
42 associated with, the syndrome, and support those affected with
43 CRPS/RDS and their families; now, therefore,
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45 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the*
46 *State of New Jersey:*

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1 1. The first Monday in November of each year is designated as
2 “Complex Regional Pain Syndrome Awareness Day” in the State of
3 New Jersey in order to raise public awareness about the signs and
4 symptoms of complex regional pain syndrome, also called reflex
5 sympathetic dystrophy (CRPS/RDS), bolster research efforts to
6 develop treatments for, and limit the disabilities associated with, the
7 syndrome, and support those affected with CRPS/RDS and their
8 families.

2. The Governor is respectfully requested to annually issue a proclamation recognizing the first Monday in November of each year as “Complex Regional Pain Syndrome Awareness Day” in New Jersey and calling upon public officials, the citizens of the State, and other interested groups to observe the month with appropriate activities and programs.

17 3. This joint resolution shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

22 This joint resolution designates the first Monday in November of
23 each year as “Complex Regional Pain Syndrome Awareness Day”
24 in the State of New Jersey in order to raise public awareness about
25 the signs and symptoms of complex regional pain syndrome, also
26 called reflex sympathetic dystrophy (CRPS/RDS), bolster research
27 efforts to develop treatments for, and limit the disabilities
28 associated with, the syndrome, and support those affected with
29 CRPS/RDS and their families.