

# Resolution No. 2014-\_\_\_\_\_

## RESOLUTION OF THE SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RECOGNIZING NOVEMBER AS CHRONIC REGIONAL PAIN SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH

**WHEREAS**, Complex Regional Pain Syndrome, hereafter known as CRPS, is known as the most painful form of chronic pain that exists today, is a progressive primary illness and affects more than 3,500,000 people in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, millions of people worldwide suffer with CRPS and many patients may end up on long-term disability; and

**WHEREAS**, CRPS is a progressive disease of the Autonomic Nervous System, for which there is currently no cure, causes debilitating pain in women, men, and children of all ethnicities, many of which go undiagnosed; and

**WHEREAS**, patients with this illness live with extreme burning pain, severe spasms, widespread body pain, extreme fatigue, insomnia, stiffness, weakness, stabbing pain, swelling, numbness, tingling, short-term memory loss, and concentration difficulties; and

**WHEREAS**, patients with CRPS often have a number of co-existing conditions which may include fibromyalgia, Sjogren's Syndrome, chronic fatigue syndrome, Raynaud's, neuropathy, chronic myofascial pain, depression, and migraines; and

**WHEREAS**, it may take years to receive a diagnosis of CRPS; medical professionals are frequently inadequately educated on the current research, diagnosis criteria, and treatment of CRPS; and

**WHEREAS**, increased awareness and expanded knowledge of the realities of living with CRPS and its impact on patients' quality of life will allow the community at large to better support people who struggle with the challenges of this chronic-pain illness; and

**WHEREAS**, American RSDHope, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) charitable organization, Solano County and other groups around our country have joined together to advocate for CRPS awareness, support, and a better future through research, diagnosis, education, and treatment.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Solano County Board of Supervisors do hereby proclaim November as Chronic Regional Pain Syndrome Awareness Month in Solano County. We urge all citizens to support the search for a cure and help those individuals/families who deal with this devastating illness on a daily basis.

Dated this 25<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2014

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LINDA J. SEIFERT, Chair  
Solano County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:  
BIRGITTA E. CORSELLO, Clerk  
Solano County Board of Supervisors

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jeanette Bellinder, Chief Deputy Clerk