

Resolution No. 2017-

RESOLUTION OF THE SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RECOGNIZING NOVEMBER 2017 AS COMPLEX REGIONAL PAIN SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH IN SOLANO COUNTY

WHEREAS, Complex Regional Pain Syndrome (CRPS), formerly known as RSD, or Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, is a chronic neuro-inflammatory disorder. The pain is characterized as constant, extremely intense, and out of proportion to the original injury. CRPS is believed to be caused by damage to, or malfunction of, the peripheral and central nervous systems, according to the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke; and

WHEREAS, CRPS has been designated as a rare disorder by the United States Food and Drug Administration and experts believe less than 200,000 people in the United States suffer from it, according to the Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy Syndrome Association; and

WHEREAS, CRPS occurs when the nervous system and the immune system malfunction as they respond to tissue damage from trauma. The nerves misfire, sending constant pain signals to the brain. The key symptom is prolonged, severe pain that may be constant. Patients describe CRPS as a “burning,” “pins and needles” sensation, or as if someone were squeezing the affected limb. The pain may spread to the entire arm or leg, even though the injury might have only involved a finger or toe. The level of pain is measured as one of the most severe on the McGill University Pain Scale; and

WHEREAS, CRPS is an evolving and constantly changing disorder. The symptoms a patient experiences today may not be the symptoms they have next week, depending on how the body reacts to the weather, overall stress levels, medication, time of day, living conditions, amount of sleep and other factors. This makes it difficult for even the most knowledgeable doctors to correctly diagnose and treat the disorder; and

WHEREAS, CRPS awareness month is held in November and Solano County and others across the 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 hereby recognize November as Complex Regional Pain Syndrome Awareness Month and urge all citizens to support the search for a cure and help those individuals and families who are touched by this devastating disorder.

Dated this 7th day of November, 2017

JOHN M. VASQUEZ, Chair
Solano County Board of Supervisors

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

By: _____
Jeanette Neiger, Chief Deputy Clerk