

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 442

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WHEREAS, Complex Regional Pain Syndrome (CRPS) also known as Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy (RSD) is a rare nerve disorder which causes the brain to send constant pain signals to the body causing chronic pain; and

WHEREAS, Anyone can get CRPS/RSD. It can strike at any age and affects both men and women, although it is much more common in women. The average age of affected individuals is about age 40;

WHEREAS, Symptoms of CRPS/RSD include dramatic changes in color and skin temperature in the affected limb or body part, swelling, sensitivity and chronic burning pain, and symptoms may spread to different parts of the body; and

WHEREAS, Currently there is no single diagnostic test to confirm CRPS/RSD. CRPS can occur after an injury or trauma to the affected area of the body; and

WHEREAS, The causes of CRPS/RSD are uncertain and there is currently no cure; The prognosis of CRPS varies from person to person and many individuals are left with unremitting pain and crippling, irreversible changes despite treatment; and

WHEREAS, The National Institute of Neurological Disorder and Stroke (NINDS), dedicated to research for the brain and central nervous system, have scientists studying new approaches to treat CRPS/RSD and intervene more aggressively after a trauma or injury to lower the chances of developing this condition; and

WHEREAS, This research is encouraging to everyone who hopes CRPS/RSD will one day be eliminated; and

WHEREAS, In November members of the Complex Regional Pain Syndrome/Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy Syndrome community, including support organizations such as the American RSDHope Organization, the International Research Foundation for RSD/CRPS, and Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy Syndrome Association (RSDSA) will be spreading awareness around the world of this poorly understood disorder.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence does hereby recognize and honor the month of November as National CRPS Awareness Month.

IN CITY COUNCIL

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Mayor

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