

Reps. Hoadley, Canfield, Chirkun, Gay-Dagnogo, Green, Howrylak, Kelly, Maturen, Phelps, Sneller and Sowerby offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 416.

A resolution to declare November 2018 as Complex Regional Pain Syndrome Awareness Month in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, Complex Regional Pain Syndrome (CRPS) is a pain disorder that results in debilitating pain concentrated in an extremity or organ; and

Whereas, CRPS is known to be caused by damage to the Peripheral and Central Nervous System after an injury. Due to the nature of its onset, CRPS can affect anyone at any age; though women are known to have higher diagnosis rates; and

Whereas, According to the McGill Pain Index, CRPS is ranked as the most painful chronic condition, citing not only the physical severity, but the psychological ramifications as well; and

Whereas, Symptoms are reported as ‘burning’ and ‘pins and needles’ sensations encasing the affected area. Though CRPS may stem from a simple finger injury, often the pain spreads throughout the limb and in extreme cases can travel to the opposite extremity; and

Whereas, There is no specific test that can diagnose CRPS. Often multiple conditions present similar symptoms requiring extensive and prolonged examination. This leaves individuals with CRPS to not only take on the burden of constant pain, but the financial burden of such a diagnosis process; and

Whereas, The FDA has no approved drug to treat CRPS, current treatments include a mix of physical therapy, psychotherapy, and a variety of medications with an even larger variety of symptoms; and

Whereas, CRPS is a private and personally-experienced condition, thus suffering often is hidden from the public eye. Dedicating November 2018 to the awareness of CRPS will provide a platform for individuals living with this condition to share their experiences, find support within their often veiled community, and educate the public and healthcare professionals about CRPS to encourage more research regarding treatment and cures for CRPS; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare November 2018 as Complex Regional Pain Syndrome Awareness Month in the state of Michigan. We encourage greater awareness of this condition and recognize the day-to-day hardships of those afflicted by CRPS.