

**SENATE RESOLUTION
2000-8721**

By Senator Costa

WHEREAS, It is the practice of the Washington State Senate to recognize and address problems that profoundly and adversely disrupt citizens' lives; and

WHEREAS, More than seven million Americans of all ages suffer from Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy Syndrome (RSDS), also known as Complex Regional Pain Syndrome (CRPS), a progressive disease of the autonomic nervous system that can follow almost any sort of medical trauma; and

WHEREAS, The symptoms of RSDS/CRPS at various stages include, but are not limited to chronic pain, increased sensitivity to touch, muscular atrophy, depression, anger and memory loss; and

WHEREAS, Victims of this debilitating disease may face years of intense pain that can spread throughout one's body, often defying painkilling agents; and

WHEREAS, RSDS/CRPS has been documented since the mid-19th century, and despite diligent efforts no cure has been found as of yet; and

WHEREAS, There are support groups, both medical and social in nature, whose tireless efforts to combat RSDS/CRPS and increase public awareness of this disease should not go unnoticed; and

WHEREAS, Those afflicted with this disease, as well as their loved ones, have shown and continue to show tremendous courage and compassion in the face of adversity;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate recognizes all those whose lives have been affected adversely by RSDS/CRPS and honors all those who, through their voluntary and professional efforts, have helped in this noble fight.

*I, Tony M. Cook, Secretary of the Senate,
do hereby certify that this is a true and
correct copy of Senate Resolution 2000-8721,
adopted by the Senate February 25, 2000.*

TONY M. COOK
Secretary of the Senate