

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 20

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SYNOPSIS

Urges Governor and memorializes Congress to establish research center in NJ dedicated to chronic neuroendocrine immune disorders and associated chronic illnesses.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 **A SENATE RESOLUTION** urging the Governor and memorializing
2 Congress to encourage the establishment of a research center in
3 New Jersey dedicated to chronic neuroendocrine immune
4 disorders and associated chronic illnesses.
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6 **WHEREAS**, Neuroendocrine immune disorders (NEIDs) currently
7 include chronic fatigue syndrome/myalgic encephalopathy/myalgic
8 encephalitis, fibromyalgia, Gulf War illness, multiple chemical
9 sensitivity syndrome, and associated chronic illnesses; and
10 **WHEREAS**, A minimum of 20 million American adults and children
11 suffer with NEIDs and associated chronic illnesses; and
12 **WHEREAS**, The time from illness onset to diagnosis of NEIDs is
13 approximately three to seven years; and
14 **WHEREAS**, The mechanisms of chronic illness including NEIDs may
15 include bacterial and viral infections; and
16 **WHEREAS**, Chronic fatigue syndrome/myalgic
17 encephalopathy/myalgic encephalitis, fibromyalgia, Gulf War
18 illness, and multiple chemical sensitivity syndrome have been
19 characterized as being as disabling as chronic obstructive
20 pulmonary disease, end-stage renal failure, and rheumatoid arthritis;
21 and as life-impairing as multiple sclerosis, AIDS, and cancer
22 chemotherapy treatments; and
23 **WHEREAS**, The similarity of symptoms of NEIDs and associated
24 chronic illnesses imply a common pathophysiology of these
25 illnesses; therefore, discoveries and advances made in the etiology
26 and treatment of any one of these illnesses will be applicable and
27 beneficial to the other NEIDs and associated chronic illnesses
28 because of their common pathophysiology; and
29 **WHEREAS**, There is mounting evidence of similarities of presentation
30 and origins of NEIDs with autism, Alzheimer's disease, multiple
31 sclerosis, lupus, Parkinson's disease and other autoimmune
32 diseases; and
33 **WHEREAS**, Having a research center in this State is essential to:
34 promoting research into the etiology of, and therapeutic
35 interventions for NEIDs and associated chronic illnesses;
36 establishing treatment protocols and providing patient care for all
37 individuals in the State afflicted with NEIDs and associated chronic
38 illnesses; serving as a repository for NEIDs and associated chronic
39 illness research data, patient data, and research publications;
40 serving as a resource for NEIDs and associated chronic illnesses
41 researchers by sponsoring scientific meetings and encouraging
42 discourse among researchers; serving as a tertiary resource for both
43 physicians and patients in their efforts to manage NEIDs and
44 associated chronic illnesses; and advancing both NEIDs and
45 associated chronic illness research and patient care by
46 disseminating the most recent advances in NEIDs and associated
47 chronic illness research, diagnostics, and treatment protocols; now,
48 therefore,

1 disturbance, cognitive impairment (fibro-fog or brain fog),
2 overwhelming fatigue, swelling, joint pain, non-restorative sleep,
3 and migraine headaches.

4 According to the Research Advisory Committee on Gulf War
5 Veterans' Illnesses, Gulf War illness (GWI) is estimated to affect
6 between 175,000 to 200,000 United States veterans, some of whom
7 have been suffering for over 17 years. GWI is characterized by
8 multiple, diverse symptoms that include a combination of memory
9 and concentration problems, chronic headache, unexplained fatigue,
10 widespread pain, chronic digestive problems, respiratory symptoms,
11 and skin rashes.

12 Multiple chemical sensitivity syndrome and other environmental
13 illnesses are estimated to affect 10% of the American population.
14 These illnesses have a variable, and overlapping, presentation with
15 other NEIDs, and have symptoms that include any combination of
16 extreme fatigue/lethargy, muscle/joint pain, sleep disturbances,
17 headaches/migraine headaches, sensitivity to light and noise,
18 dizziness/vertigo, poor memory/poor concentration,
19 nausea/digestive problems, sore throat, constant coughing,
20 wheezing, skin rashes, or burning/stinging eyes.