

WHEREAS; complex regional pain syndrome (CRPS), also referred to as reflex sympathetic dystrophy (RSD), is a chronic neurological pain syndrome that affects one or more of an individual’s extremities along with their organs, joints, and muscles; and

WHEREAS; according to the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, common symptoms of CRPS/RSD are often described as an extreme pain response to a minor stimulus or a pain response that occurs spontaneously and can also include extreme sensitivity to touch, decreased range of motion, changes in bone and skin, excessive sweating, and tissue swelling; and

WHEREAS; it is estimated that CRPS/RSD affects hundreds of thousands of people in the United States every year, and the onset of the disorder can occur at any age and affect anyone, but is more common among women; and

WHEREAS; while CRPS/RSD has no cure, treatments such as physical therapy, occupational therapy, psychotherapy, nerve blockades, mirror therapy, ketamine infusions, intrathecal drug pumps, medication, and spinal cord stimulators help to ease pain and improve function; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins all those living with CRPS/RSD, their loved ones, and others in the community in raising awareness of the disorder and calling for further research to improve treatments and develop a cure;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim November 2023 as

CRPS/RSD AWARENESS MONTH
throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance
to all our state’s residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 16th day of October 2023.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State