

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 approximately 200,000 people in the United States every year, and the onset of the disorder can occur at any age and affect anyone, but it is more common among women; and

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

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins all affected individuals living with CRPS/RSD, their loved ones, and dedicated advocates and organizations across the state in spreading awareness of the disorder, supporting continued research to improve treatments, and embracing hope for a cure;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim November 2025, 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 29th day of October 2025.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State