WHEREAS; complex regional pain syndrome (CRPS), formerly known as reflex sympathetic dystrophy, 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; CRPS can cause severe and persistent pain that is disproportionate to the original injury, along with extreme sensitivity to touch or temperature, swelling, changes in skin color and temperature, abnormal sweating, joint stiffness, muscle weakness, and changes in movement and function, and symptoms vary considerably from person to person; and

WHEREAS; it is estimated that CRPS 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 commonly diagnosed among women; and

WHEREAS; while CRPS currently has no cure, physical and occupational therapy, psychosocial and behavioral therapy, desensitization, and medication, can help decrease pain, restore function, and maintain quality of life; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins all affected individuals living with CRPS, 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 2026 as

CRPS 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 30th day of October 2026.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State