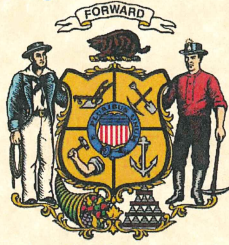


STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy (RSD), also known as Complex Regional Pain Syndrome (CRPS), is a chronic neurological pain syndrome that affects one or more extremities along with organs, joints, and muscles; and

WHEREAS; the symptoms of RSD/CRPS are often described as intense, prolonged pain that is disproportionate to the severity of the initial injury and can include central and peripheral nervous system sensitization, extreme sensitivity to touch, decreased range of motion, pathological changes in bone and skin, excessive sweating, and tissue swelling; and

WHEREAS; while there is no cure for RSD/CRPS, treatments aimed at easing pain and improving function take the form of physical therapy, occupational therapy, nerve blocks, graded motor imagery/mirror therapy, ketamine infusions, the Calmare device, opiates, pain pumps, and spinal cord simulators; and

WHEREAS; the onset of RSD/CRPS can occur at any age and affects both men and women, although it is more common in women; and

WHEREAS; the state of Wisconsin joins those living with RSD/CRPS and others in the community to raise awareness about RSD/CRPS and to call for further research regarding treatment and a cure of the disorder;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the state of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim November 2019 as

RSD/CRPS AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the state of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all our citizens.



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 25th day of October 2019.

Tony Evers
TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor

Douglas La Follette
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State