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 burning that is out of proportion 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 RSD/CRPS has no cure, treatments aimed at easing pain and improving function include physical therapy, occupational therapy, nerve blocks, graded motor imagery or mirror therapy, ketamine infusions, the Calmare device, opiates, pain pumps, and spinal cord simulators; and

WHEREAS; it is estimated that RSD/CRPS affects up to three million people in the United States, and the onset of the disorder can occur at any age and affect both men and women, although it is more common in women; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins all those living with RSD/CRPS, 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 2020 as

RSD/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 22nd day of October 2020.

Tony Evers

TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

Douglas La Follette

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State