



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

RSD/CRPS AWARENESS MONTH
AND
COLOR THE WORLD ORANGE DAY
2017

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy (RSD), also known as Complex Regional Pain Syndrome (CRPS), is a rare disorder of the autonomic nervous system that is characterized by chronic, severe pain; and

WHEREAS, this debilitating and progressively chronic condition is characterized by intense burning pain, pathological changes in bone and skin, tissue swelling, and extreme sensitivity to touch; and

WHEREAS, there is no known cure for RSD/CRPS, and the disorder affects women, men, and children of all ethnicities, many of whom go undiagnosed; and

WHEREAS, frequently, RSD/CRPS is misdiagnosed as a painful nerve injury; the exact cause of the condition is not fully understood, but it may be associated with injury to the nerves, trauma, surgery, infection, cardiovascular disease, or radiation therapy; and

WHEREAS, RSD/CRPS can cause long-term disability; patients with this disorder live in extreme pain and experience severe muscle spasms, widespread body pain, fatigue, insomnia, weakness, swelling, short-term memory loss, and concentration difficulties; and

WHEREAS, although no standard treatment of RSD/CRPS has been developed, prevention and early treatment of symptoms are recommended; in most cases, the earlier treatment begins, the more effective it is likely to be; and

WHEREAS, Color the World Orange is an annual event held the first Monday of November to spread awareness of RSD/CRPS; on November 6, 2017, State of North Carolina joins the RSD/CRPS community as they come together to garner support and spread global awareness;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim November, 2017, as "**RSD/CRPS AWARENESS MONTH**" and November 6, 2017, as "**COLOR THE WORLD ORANGE DAY**" in North Carolina, and commend observance to all citizens.



Roy Cooper
Governor

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh thirtieth day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand and seventeen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-first.