



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

CRPS/RSD AWARENESS MONTH

AND

COLOR THE WORLD ORANGE DAY

2018

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Complex Regional Pain Syndrome (CRPS), also known as Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy (RSD), is a nerve disorder that causes chronic pain; and

WHEREAS, the symptoms of CRPS/RSD are often described as burning that is out of proportion to the severity of the initial injury and can include extreme sensitivity to touch; there is no known cure for this disorder; and

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

WHEREAS, although no standard treatment of CRPS/RSD 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, throughout November, the CRPS/RSD community works to spread awareness, advocate research, and garner support for those and their families affected by this disorder; and

WHEREAS, on November 5, 2018, members of the CRPS/RSD community will celebrate the 5th annual Color The World Orange Day to spread awareness of this poorly understood pain disorder;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim November, 2018, as “**CRPS/RSD AWARENESS MONTH**” and November 5, 2018, 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 this twenty-sixth day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand and eighteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-second.