



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**CRPS/RSD AWARENESS DAY**

**2020**

**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 2, 2020, members of the CRPS/RSD community will celebrate the 7<sup>th</sup> 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 2, 2020, as “**CRPS/RSD AWARENESS 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-ninth 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-fifth.