

STATE OF ARKANSAS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy (RSD), a progressive multi-symptom, multi-system, neuro-autoimmune disorder, is a debilitating disease simultaneously involving nerves, muscles, blood vessels, skin, bones and tissue; and

WHEREAS: RSD attacks the sympathetic nervous system, causing it to become confused, leading to a variety of symptoms that may result in devastating consequences and can develop after an injury, minor or major, and generally occurs in a limb; and

WHEREAS: If left untreated, or mistreated, RSD begins to damage the surrounding tissues and can spread to other areas of the body and ultimately lead to total disability; and

WHEREAS: Early diagnosis is crucial and correct aggressive treatment by qualified medical professional can lead to a positive result before RSD progresses and treatment becomes increasingly difficult; and

WHEREAS: Although an estimated seven to ten million people in the United States are afflicted with RSD, it is not well known by the public or many medical professionals; and

WHEREAS: RSD knows no age limit and can cause severe personal disruptions to the lives of both the patient and their families; and

WHEREAS: The Power of Pain Foundation, founded in 2006, is an organization offering education and support to sufferers of RSD/CRPS through activities including NERVEment project. Public Awareness of RSD/CRPS is important in order to gain a better understanding of the extent, consequences and causes of the disorder;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ASA HUTCHINSON, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim October 2015, as

SYMPATHETIC DYSTROPHY AWARENESS MONTH

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 22nd day of September, in the year of our Lord 2015.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Asa Hutchinson".

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Mark Martin".

Mark Martin, Secretary Of State