

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Complex Regional Pain Syndrome (CRPS), also known as Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy (RSD), is a nerve disorder which causes the brain and nervous system to send chronic pain signals to the effected part of the body; and

WHEREAS: CRPS/RSD is a debilitating and progressive chronic condition characterized by symptoms of prolonged pain that can be constant and in some people, extremely severe and debilitating; and

WHEREAS: CRPS/RSD is also called the Suicide Disease due to the severity of the pain; and

WHEREAS: The symptoms of CRPS are often described as burning that is out of proportion to the severity of the initial injury and can include extreme sensitivity to the touch and swelling; and

WHEREAS: CRPS was first identified during the Civil War, but it remains a poorly-understood condition. There is no cure; and

WHEREAS: The National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke and other institutes of the National Institutes of Health conduct research relating to CRPS; and

WHEREAS: Members of the CRPS community will be spreading awareness in November by Coloring the World Orange™;

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 November, 2016, as

RSD/CRPS AWARENESS MONTH IN ARKANSAS

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 28th day of September, in the year of our Lord 2016.



Attest:

Mark Martin

Mark Martin, Secretary Of State

Asa Hutchinson, Governor