

**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 that causes chronic pain; and

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

WHEREAS: While CRPS/RSD was first identified during the United States Civil War, 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 support research relating to CRPS/RSD; and

WHEREAS: The color orange is associated with CRPS/RSD and is used as a method to raise awareness of the disease;

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 2022, as

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across the State, and I encourage my fellow citizens to be engaged in a variety of activities, such as wearing orange, learning about CRPS, and supporting those affected by the disease, whether health care professionals, or family and friends of patients.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of October, in the year of our Lord 2022.



  
Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest

  
John Thurston, Secretary of State