

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

COMPLEX REGIONAL PAIN SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH
NOVEMBER 2020

COLOR THE WORLD ORANGE DAY
NOVEMBER 2, 2020

WHEREAS, Complex Regional Pain Syndrome (CRPS), also known as Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy (RSD) is a nerve disorder that causes the onset of chronic pain that often affects one's arm or leg following an injury, a surgery, a stroke or a heart attack; 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 swelling and extreme sensitivity to touch; and

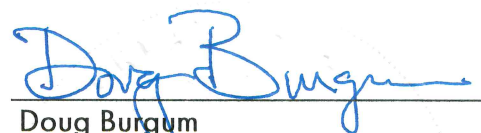
WHEREAS, while CRPS/RSD was first identified during the Civil War, it remains a poorly understood condition, and while there is no cure, physical therapy, graded motor imagery, spinal cord stimulation and nerve blocks are some of the treatments used help to ease the pain; and

WHEREAS, the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke is part of the National Institutes of Health, and together they support further research relating to CRPS/RSD; and

WHEREAS, CRPS/RSD awareness month provides an opportunity for those suffering from CRPS/RDS as well as their loved ones to join together to further educate the public and recognize the medical professionals, nurses and physical therapists who support members of the CRPS community.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim
November 2020 COMPLEX REGIONAL PAIN SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH
and November 2, 2020, COLOR THE WORLD ORANGE DAY in the
State of North Dakota.




Doug Burgum
GOVERNOR

ATTEST: 
Alvin A. Jaeger
SECRETARY OF STATE