STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, Complex Regional Pain Syndrome (CRPS), formerly known as Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy (RSD), is a chronic neurological pain condition that most often develops following an injury, surgery, stroke, or other trauma and typically occurs in the extremities; and

WHEREAS, individuals living with CRPS may experience severe, persistent pain that is disproportionate to the initial injury, along with symptoms including swelling, changes in skin temperature or color, limited mobility, and extreme sensitivity to touch; and

WHEREAS, although CRPS was first described during the Civil War era, it remains a complex and often misunderstood condition, and while treatments may help manage symptoms, there is currently no known cure; and

WHEREAS, continued research, education, and increased public awareness are essential to improving understanding of CRPS, advancing treatment options, and supporting those living with this challenging condition; and

WHEREAS, throughout the month of November, individuals, families, caregivers, healthcare professionals, and advocates join together to raise awareness of Complex Regional Pain Syndrome and to encourage greater understanding and compassion for those affected; and

WHEREAS, on November 2, 2026, communities across Tennessee and around the world will observe Color the World Orange Day, demonstrating support for those living with CRPS and promoting awareness of this often invisible illness;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim November 2, 2026 as

Complex Regional Pain Syndrome Awareness Day

in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this sixth day of August 2026.

Bill Lee

Governor

Secretary of State