



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, Complex Regional Pain Syndrome (CRPS) also known as Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy (RSD) is a rare nerve disorder which causes the brain to send pain signals to the body, causing chronic pain, usually affecting one of the arms, hands, feet or legs; and

WHEREAS, symptoms of CRPS/RSD include dramatic changes in the color & temperature of the skin over the affected limb or body part accompanied by intense burning pain, skin sensations, swelling and sensitivity; and

WHEREAS, CRPS/RSD can occur after an injury or trauma to the affected area of the body; and

WHEREAS, the causes of CRPS/RSD are uncertain and there is currently no cure; and

WHEREAS, treatment can relieve painful symptoms; and

WHEREAS, the National Institute of Neurological Disorder and Stroke (NINDS), dedicated to research for the brain and central nervous system, have scientists that are studying new approaches to treat CRPS/RSD and intervene more aggressively after a traumatic injury to lower the chances of developing this condition; and

WHEREAS, this research is encouraging to everyone who hopes CRPS/RSD will one day be eliminated; and

WHEREAS, on November 3, 2014, members of the Complex Regional Pain Syndrome / Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy Syndrome Community will be celebrating the first annual "Color the World Orange" day to spread awareness of this poorly understood disorder;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim November 3, 2014 as

*Complex Regional Pain Syndrome /
Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy 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 third day of October, 2014.

Bill Haslam

Governor

Joe Rugg

Secretary of State