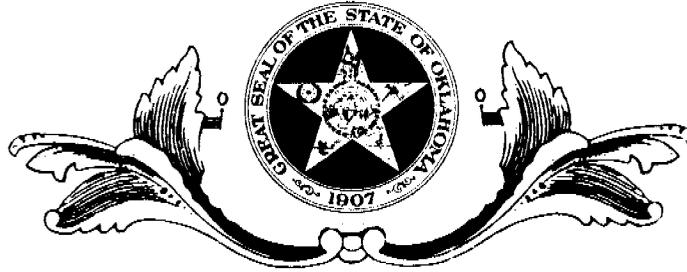


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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy Syndrome (RSD), a progressive multi-symptom, multi-system, neurological disorder, is a debilitating disease simultaneously involving nerves, muscles, blood vessels, skin, bones and tissue; and

Whereas, RSD attacks the sympathetic nervous system, causing it to become confused, leading to a variety of symptoms that may result in devastating consequences and can develop after an injury, minor or major, and generally occurs in a limb; and

Whereas, if left untreated, or mistreated, RSD begins to damage the surrounding tissues and can spread to other areas of the body and ultimately lead to total disability; and

Whereas, early diagnosis is crucial and correct aggressive treatment by a qualified medical professional can lead to a positive result before RSD progresses and treatment becomes increasingly difficult; and

Whereas, although an estimated five to seven million people in the United States are afflicted with RSD, it is not well known by the public or many medical professionals; and

Whereas, RSD knows no age limit and can cause severe personal disruptions to the lives of both the patient and their families; and

Whereas, the Power of Pain Foundation, founded in 2007, is an organization offering education and support to sufferers of RSD/CRPS. Public awareness of RSD/CRPS is important in order to gain a better understanding of the extent, consequences and causes of the disorder;

Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim the month of November, 2011 as

"Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy Awareness Month"

in the State of Oklahoma.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed.



Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma City, this 1st day of September in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and eleven, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred and third year.

ATTEST:

Michelle R. Day
Assistant Secretary of State

Mary Fallin
GOVERNOR

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