



# PROCLAMATION

ONE CITY. ONE JACKSONVILLE.

**WHEREAS:** Complex Regional Pain Syndrome (CRPS also known as reflex sympathetic dystrophy or RSD) is an extreme chronic pain disease with no cure. It was first discovered in 1864 by Dr Weir in the Civil War. Through the years, the medical community has studied, researched, and treated people with this condition - but there is no cure; and

**WHEREAS:** This disease leaves people to battle extreme and constant pain. They experience excruciating pain with wind blowing on them and cannot tolerate being hugged, sometimes the affected area even experienced color changes, temperature changes, and swelling, all factors that inhibit their ability to walk or move; and

**WHEREAS:** This is a rare disease that affects less than 200,000 people worldwide, therefore, the World Health Organization has declared this an 'orphan' disease and CRPS sufferers are often easily overlooked. Of those with this condition, many contemplate suicide because of the pain and distress; and

**WHEREAS:** There are people in Jacksonville suffering from CRPS and local peer support groups, such as Tales of the CRPS, that is a safe space for anyone with RSD/CRPS Chronic Pain to talk, share, ask questions, and vent; and

**WHEREAS:** Since 2014, "Color the World Orange" has raised awareness of CRPS by declaring November as Complex Regional Pain Syndrome awareness month and by asking supporters to wear orange the first Monday in November to continue increased awareness.

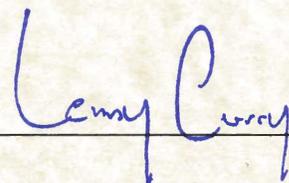
**NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY,** by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim November 2020 as

## COMPLEX REGIONAL PAIN SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to wear orange on the first Monday of the month to increase awareness and provide support for those suffering with CRPS.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of October  
in the year Two Thousand Twenty



MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA