



PROCLAMATION

CRPS Colour the World Orange Day – November 5, 2018 CRPS Awareness Month – November 2018

WHEREAS: Complex Regional Pain Syndrome (CRPS) is a progressive neuro-inflammatory chronic pain condition that despite being first identified during the Civil War remains poorly understood, under recognized and often misdiagnosed; and,

WHEREAS: CRPS is considered the most painful condition known to the medical community and in addition to pain, may also present with (in the affected limb(s)) inflammation, colour and temperature changes, increased sensitivity, sweating, motor dysfunction and changes in nail and hair growth; and,

WHEREAS: early diagnosis and treatment are key to better outcomes and yet, due to the lack of awareness and understanding, most sufferers see multiple doctors and wait months to years for an accurate diagnosis. Too often the diagnosis comes too late and any hope for remission is lost. There is no cure; and,

WHEREAS: CRPS sufferers are left to cope with unbearable physical pain, intense emotional distress and severe mental anguish with few options for ongoing support, treatment, financial aid and/or pain relief.

THEREFORE I, Bill McKay, Mayor of the City of Nanaimo, do hereby proclaim November 5, 2018 as "CRPS Colour the World Orange Day" in the City of Nanaimo and further declare the month of November 2018, as "CRPS Awareness Month" in the City of Nanaimo.

Bill McKay
MAYOR

DATED THIS 8th DAY OF JUNE 2018

