

**“CRPS/RSD AWARENESS DAY”**

**WHEREAS** *Complex Regional Pain Syndrome (CRPS), also known as Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy (RSD) is a nerve disorder that causes chronic pain ; and*

**WHEREAS** *the symptoms of CRPS/RSD are often described as burning that is out of proportion to the severity of the initial injury and can include extreme disorder that causes chronic pain; and*

**WHEREAS** *while CRPS/RSD was first identified during the Civil war, it remains a poorly understood condition. There is no cure; and*

**WHEREAS** *The National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke and other institutes of the National Institutes of Health support research to CRPS/RSD; and*

**WHEREAS** *members of the CRPS/RSD community will be spreading awareness in November; and*

**WHEREAS** *on November 6, 2017, members of the CRPS/RSD community will be celebrating the third-annual Color The World Orange day to spread awareness of this poorly understood pain disorder.*

**NOW, THEREFORE** I do hereby proclaim the day November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017 as **“CRPS/RSD AWARENESS DAY”** on the **TRADITIONAL TERRITORIES** of the **ESQUIMALT AND SONGHEES FIRST NATIONS** in the **CITY OF VICTORIA, CAPITAL CITY** of the **PROVINCE** of **BRITISH COLUMBIA**.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I hereunto set my hand this 26<sup>th</sup> day of October, Two Thousand and Seventeen.

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**LISA HELPS**  
**MAYOR**  
**CITY OF VICTORIA**  
**BRITISH COLUMBIA**

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**CRPS/RSD Foundation**



## Committee of the Whole Report For the Meeting of October 19, 2017

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**To:** Committee of the Whole

**Date:** October 12, 2017

**From:** Chris Coates, City Clerk

**Subject:** Proclamation "CRPS/RSD Awareness Day" November 6, 2017

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### RECOMMENDATION

That the *CRPS/RSD Awareness Day Proclamation* be forwarded to the October 26, 2017 Council meeting for Council's consideration.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Attached as Appendix A is the requested *CRPS/RSD Awareness Day Proclamation*. Council has established a policy addressing Proclamation requests. The policy provides for:

- A staff report to Committee of the Whole.
- Each Proclamation request requiring a motion approved at Committee of the Whole prior to forwarding it to Council for their consideration.
- Staff providing Council with a list of Proclamations made in the previous year.
- Council voting on each Proclamation individually.
- Council's consideration of Proclamations is to fulfil a request rather than taking a position.

A list of 2016 and 2017 Proclamations is provided as Appendix B in accordance with the new policy. Consistent with City Policy, Proclamations issued are established as fulfilling a request and does not represent an endorsement of the content of the Proclamation.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Coates".

Chris Coates  
City Clerk

Appendix A: Proclamation "CRPS/RSD Awareness Day"  
Appendix B: List of Previously Approved Proclamations