Colour the World Orange CRPS Awareness Day
November 2, 2020

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 sensitivity to the touch, and swelling; and

Whereas while CRPS/RSD was first identified during the Civil War, it remains a poorly understood condition with no cure; and

Whereas the McGill Pain Index describes CRPS/RSD as the most painful form of chronic pain that exists today; and

Whereas the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke and other institutes of the National Institutes of Health support research relating to CRPS/RSD; and

Whereas increased awareness and understanding by the public, healthcare providers, and policymakers of the daily multifaceted management challenges of CRPS/RSD and its impact on patients’ function and quality of life may reduce the stigma of this illness; and

Whereas people with CRPS/RSD have a right to be treated with dignity and a right to pain relief; and

Whereas on November 2, 2020, members of the CRPS/RSD community will be celebrating the seventh-annual Color The World Orange Day to spread awareness of this poorly understood pain disorder in Canada and around the world will be spreading awareness in November;

Therefore I, Mayor Bryan Paterson, on behalf of Kingston City Council, do hereby proclaim November 2, 2020, as Colour the World Orange CRPS Awareness Day in Kingston.

Bryan Paterson
Mayor