Resolution #

By the Honorable [names of elected officials __________________, ________________, ____________]

It is Declared

SEPTEMBER 2017 is PAIN AWARENESS MONTH

in Cooperation with

Community Pain Center (CPC)

and

National Fibromyalgia Association (NFA)

Whereas, the U.S. has experienced a crisis in pain care with an estimated 100 million people in the United States—1 out of every 3 people in our country and billions of people worldwide—suffering daily with the symptoms of chronic pain, yet they are unable to find help that provides adequate pain relief.

Whereas, chronic pain, has been recognized as an epidemic affecting women, men, and children of all ages and races; at a cost of over $635 billion annually in the U.S.; and

Whereas, people with chronic pain often live with both physical and emotional pain, along with extreme fatigue, sleep disorders, and impairment of memory and concentration; and

Whereas, chronic pain can be debilitating, infringing upon a person’s ability to work, and have any kind of quality of life; medical professionals frequently are inadequately educated on ways to help their patients; and

Whereas, it is necessary we recognize that over 30 years of research has shown that educating patients on self-management techniques, supporting health care providers by expanding their tool boxes with evidence-based integrated approaches and identifying more efficient care delivery models to provide access to evidence-based personal, social, and environmental resource that go beyond the doctor’s office; are necessities in helping people in pain; and

Whereas, in 2016, Congress, the Department of Health and Human Services, the National Institutes of Health, and the Institute of Medicine, recognized and released the National Pain Strategy (NPS), a blueprint for managing pain in the U.S.; and
Whereas, we believe that the NPS mandates are vital in the efforts to reduce the number of people living in chronic pain; we pledge to support the NPS’s mandates including:

- Developing methods and metrics to monitor and improve the prevention and management of pain.
- Supporting the development of a system of patient-centered integrated pain management practices based on a biopsychosocial model of care that enables providers and patients to access the full spectrum of pain treatment options.
- Taking steps to reduce barriers to pain care and improve the quality of pain care for vulnerable, stigmatized and underserved populations.
- Increasing public awareness of pain, increasing patient knowledge of treatment options and risks, and helping to develop a better informed health care system.

Whereas, the Community Pain Center (CPC), the National Fibromyalgia Association and ________________________, along with other chronic pain and fibromyalgia support organizations around the country, have joined together to promote September 2017 as Pain Awareness Month; and

Whereas, therefore, helping to guarantee hope for a better future for people living with chronic pain; now therefore, be it:

Resolved by [name of elected officials] _____________ that they hereby recognize the needs of people with chronic pain and recognize September 2017 as Pain Awareness Month in ___________________, and urge all of its citizens to support those living in pain, their caregivers and health care providers.

Resolution No._______
Dated this _____ day of September 2017

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