

Proclamation for National Fibromyalgia Association –  
National Fibromyalgia Awareness Day 2018

It shall be proclaimed by the city of \_\_\_\_\_: (or State  
of \_\_\_\_\_)

WHEREAS an estimated 10 million people in the United States—6 to 8 percent of the population of our country and millions of people worldwide—have been diagnosed with Fibromyalgia, a disease for which there is no known cure; and

WHEREAS Fibromyalgia is a chronic illness—increasing at epidemic rates—which causes fatigue, cognitive problems, and debilitating pain in women, men, and children of all ages and races; and

WHEREAS patients with this illness often must learn to live with widespread pain throughout their bodies; extreme fatigue; sleep disorders; stiffness and weakness; migraine headaches; numbness and tingling; impairment of memory and concentration; and

WHEREAS it often takes an average of three to five years to receive a diagnosis of Fibromyalgia, and medical professionals frequently are inadequately educated on the diagnosis and treatment of Fibromyalgia; and

WHEREAS it is necessary that we recognize the existing medical research demonstrating biochemical abnormalities in people with Fibromyalgia, and

WHEREAS Fibromyalgia is present in children and young adults which poses unique challenges for this population who suffer not only from the symptoms of this illness, but also from the lack of understanding and lack of social acceptance; and

WHEREAS people with Fibromyalgia face discrimination from employers, friends, family, and the judicial system while dealing with the ongoing stress of living with an unpredictable disease and an uncertain future; and

WHEREAS employers should support their employees with Fibromyalgia by making adaptations to the work environment, so that people with Fibromyalgia can continue to function at work and not be forced to file for disability; and

WHEREAS the National Fibromyalgia Association is a nonprofit charitable organization, that was founded in 1997 with the intent of bringing awareness to this underserved and misunderstood population of people, and

WHEREAS the National Fibromyalgia Association and **[Name of Your Support Group]** and other groups around our country have joined together to promote Fibromyalgia awareness and support—including improved education, diagnosis, research and treatment; and

WHEREAS understanding this illness will help guarantee hope for a better future for people with Fibromyalgia;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby recognize the needs of these chronically ill people and proclaim May 12, 2018 as “Fibromyalgia Awareness Day” in the

City/State of \_\_\_\_\_, and urge all of our citizens to support the search for a cure and assist those individuals and families who deal with this devastating disease on a daily basis.

Signed and Approved by:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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Mayor/Legislator, of \_\_\_\_\_

President, National Fibromyalgia Association

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Support Group Leader- \_\_\_\_\_