



A Proclamation by the Governor

WHEREAS, fibromyalgia is a complex chronic pain illness affecting over ten million people in the United States (2-6 percent of the population); and

WHEREAS, it may take years to be diagnosed with fibromyalgia, and family members are eight times more likely to also be diagnosed; and

WHEREAS, fibromyalgia is shown to affect the central nervous system and has no known cure, early diagnosis and treatment can reduce disability (15-20% of patients are on long-term disability) and symptoms of widespread body pain, extreme fatigue, sleep disorders, stiffness and weakness, headaches, numbness and tingling, impairment of memory and concentration, and co-existing conditions such as IBS, TMJD, migraine, environmental sensitivities, anxiety and depression; and

WHEREAS, increased awareness and understanding by the public, healthcare providers, and policymakers of the daily multifaceted management challenges of fibromyalgia and its impact on patients' function and quality of life may reduce the stigma of this illness; and

WHEREAS, people with fibromyalgia have a right to be treated with dignity and a right to pain relief; and

WHEREAS, the National Fibromyalgia & Chronic Pain Association, a nonprofit 501c3 charitable organization; members of its Leaders Against Pain Action Network; and Fibromyalgia Friends Support of Southern Nevada have joined together to advocate for fibromyalgia awareness, support, and a better future through research, diagnosis, education, and treatment;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRIAN SANDOVAL, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, do hereby proclaim May 12, 2015, as

FIBROMYALGIA AWARENESS DAY IN NEVADA



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Nevada to be affixed at the State Capitol in Carson City, this 2nd day of April, 2015.

By the Governor:

Governor

Barbara K. Leganske
Secretary of State

By _____

Deputy