



A Proclamation by the Governor

WHEREAS, fibromyalgia is a complex chronic pain illness that affects more than ten million people in the United States; and

WHEREAS, fibromyalgia is shown to affect the central nervous system and includes 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 including migraines, environmental sensitivities, anxiety, and depression; and

WHEREAS, while fibromyalgia has no known cure, early diagnosis and treatment have been shown to reduce disabilities associated with this condition, and increased public awareness among health care providers, policymakers, and the community regarding the daily management challenges of fibromyalgia and its impacts on patients' quality of life may reduce the stigma of this illness and support efforts to find a cure; and

WHEREAS, the National Fibromyalgia & Chronic Pain Association, a not-for-profit charitable organization, members of its Leaders Against Pain Action Network, and the Fibromyalgia Friends Support Group of Southern Nevada have joined together to advocate for fibromyalgia awareness, support, and a better future through research, diagnosis, education, and treatment; and

WHEREAS, the State of Nevada is committed to promoting the health and safety of all citizens, recognizes the dignity and worth of all persons regardless of physical disability or illness, and encourages Nevadans to participate in efforts and initiatives that support those living with fibromyalgia;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRIAN SANDOVAL, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, do hereby proclaim May 12, 2016, 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 25th day of April, 2016.

By the Governor:

Governor

Barbara K. Caggs
Secretary of State

By

Deputy