STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; fibromyalgia is a complex chronic type of illness that can cause fatigue, cognitive problems, and debilitating pain; and

WHEREAS; while fibromyalgia affects people worldwide, including millions of people in the United States, it can take several years for many patients to receive an accurate diagnosis, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC); and

WHEREAS; according to the CDC, in addition to pain and fatigue, symptoms of fibromyalgia can include sleep problems, depression, anxiety, and headaches, as well as digestive problems, such as abdominal pain, bloating, constipation, and irritable bowel syndrome, all of which require a multifaceted treatment approach; and

WHEREAS; further awareness, education, research, and resources are needed to properly care for fibromyalgia patients and to improve treatment options, address the needs of specific populations and underserved groups, and reduce the stigma that surrounds the illness; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin joins affected individuals and their families, communities, and dedicated advocates and organizations in raising awareness of fibromyalgia and promoting research to ensure proper diagnosis, treatment, and support for every person living with fibromyalgia;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim May 2025 as

FIBROMYALGIA AWARENESS MONTH

and May 12, 2025, as

FIBROMYALGIA AWARENESS DAY

throughout the State of Wisconsin, and I commend this observance to all our state's residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 28th day of April 2025.

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By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSK Secretary of State