WHEREAS; fibromyalgia is a complex chronic illness that can cause fatigue, cognitive problems, and debilitating pain in people of all ages, races, and backgrounds, and for which there is no known cure; and

WHEREAS; while fibromyalgia affects millions of people worldwide, including over four million people in the United States, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, it can take several years to receive a diagnosis; and

WHEREAS; fibromyalgia frequently occurs with conditions such as irritable bowel syndrome, temporomandibular joint disorder, and migraine, as well as anxiety and depression, requiring a multifaceted treatment approach; and

WHEREAS; further awareness, education, research, and resources are needed to properly care for fibromyalgia patients, 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, families, communities, and dedicated advocates and organizations in raising awareness of fibromyalgia and promoting research in order to ensure proper diagnosis, treatment, and support for every person with fibromyalgia in the state and across the country;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim May 10 2023 as

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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 21<sup>st</sup> day of April 2023.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State