

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 people worldwide, including more than four million people in the United States, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), it can take several years for many patients to receive an accurate diagnosis; 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 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, 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 12 2024 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 21<sup>st</sup> day of May 2024.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State