

WHEREAS; fibromyalgia is a complex chronic illness which 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, or an estimated two to four percent of the population, it takes an average of three to five years to receive a diagnosis; and

WHEREAS; fibromyalgia poses unique challenges in children and young adults who may struggle not only with the symptoms of the illness, but also from the lack of understanding and social acceptance; and

WHEREAS; we recognize that further awareness, education, research, and resources are needed to properly serve fibromyalgia patients and address the needs of specific populations and underserved groups; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin joins patients, 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 all affected individuals throughout our state and country;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim May 12, 2021, 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 2021.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State