WHEREAS: people with fibromyalgia (FM) face the challenges of having many symptoms such as widespread pain, fatigue, as well as sleep, memory, and mood issues; and

WHEREAS: the diagnosis of FM relies on the tender point test, the duration of pain, the location of pain in the body, and the impact of the symptoms upon the daily life of the patient; and

WHEREAS: although women are more likely to have FM, recognition of the various needs of all FM patients from adults to children is important for treatment; and

WHEREAS: FM affects more than 10 million people nationwide and while there is no cure, some medications help control the symptoms as well as exercise, relaxation, and stress reduction; and

WHEREAS: an estimated 170,000 citizens of Wisconsin are suffering with FM; and

WHEREAS: FM patients endure the worst of conditions and their hope remains strong, especially as friends, families, and communities of Wisconsin provide support;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim May 12, 2019 as

FIBROMYALGIA AWARENESS DAY

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all of our citizens.

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 3rd day of April 2019.

[Signature]

TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

[Signature]

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State