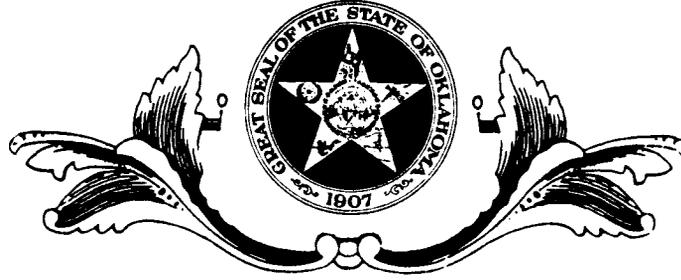


# STATE OF OKLAHOMA



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## Proclamation

**Whereas**, Fibromyalgia is a chronic disorder characterized by widespread musculoskeletal pain, fatigue, and multiple tender points; and

**Whereas**, Fibromyalgia, according to the American College of Rheumatology, affects 3 to 6 million American women primarily during the childbearing age but can also affect children, the elderly and men; and

**Whereas**, the cause of Fibromyalgia is unknown, but can be caused by an injury or trauma which causes changes in muscle metabolism, such as decreased blood flow, causing fatigue and decreased strength; and

**Whereas**, a person with Fibromyalgia looks normal and a general physical examination is usually normal, a further examination of their muscle reveals tender areas at specific locations; and

**Whereas**, there is no known cure for Fibromyalgia but a combination of exercise, medication, physical therapy, and relaxation can make a person more comfortable; and

**Whereas**, little money is being allocated for research for the cure of Fibromyalgia, let it be known that those with Fibromyalgia would help in any way in research projects;

**Now Therefore**, I, Frank Keating, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim May 12, 1999 as

### FIBROMYALGIA AWARENESS DAY

in the State of Oklahoma.

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed.*



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*Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma City, this 19th day of April, in the Year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine, and of the State of Oklahoma the ninety-first year.*

*Dawn Amundson* *Frank Keating*

ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE

GOVERNOR