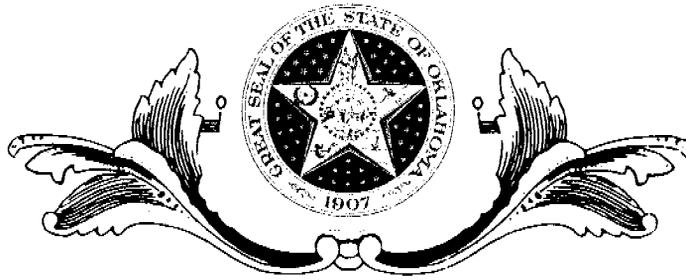


STATE OF OKLAHOMA



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OKLAHOMA SECRETARY
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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, an estimated 10 million people in the United States—6 to 8 percent of the population of our country—and millions of people worldwide have been diagnosed with fibromyalgia, a disease for which there is no known cause or cure; and

Whereas, fibromyalgia is a chronic disorder—increasing at alarming rates—which causes fatigue and debilitating pain in women, men, and children of all ethnicities; and

Whereas, patients with this disorder often have to learn to live with widespread pain throughout their bodies; extreme fatigue; sleep disorders; stiffness and weakness; migraine headaches; numbness and tingling; impairment of memory and concentration; and

Whereas, it often takes an average of five years to receive a diagnosis of fibromyalgia, and medical professionals frequently are inadequately educated on the diagnosis and treatment of fibromyalgia; and

Whereas, increased awareness and expanded knowledge of the realities of life with fibromyalgia will allow the community at large to better support people who struggle with the challenges of this chronic pain disorder; and

Whereas, the National Fibromyalgia Association is a nonprofit charitable organization and the publisher of Fibromyalgia AWARE, the first and only consumer magazine for fibromyalgia; and

Whereas, the National Fibromyalgia Association urges fibromyalgia patients and their supporters, healthcare providers and the general public to demonstrate their caring by sharing the road patients walk, the facts about fibromyalgia, and ever-growing awareness about the etiology of this disorder and potential treatments; and

Whereas, the community's focus on fibromyalgia and its impact on patients' lives will help guarantee hope for a better future for people with fibromyalgia;

Now, therefore, I, Brad Henry, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim May 12, 2008, as

"Fibromyalgia Awareness Day"

in the State of Oklahoma, and urge all citizens to support the search for a cure and assist those individuals and families who deal with this devastating disorder on a daily basis.

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



ATTEST:

Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma City, this 8th day of April, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and eight, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundredth year.

M. Leman Swartz
SECRETARY OF STATE

Brad Henry
GOVERNOR

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