

## STATE of MINNESOTA

## Proclamation

WHEREAS:

Fibromyalgia is a chronic pain illness affecting over ten million people in the

United States, which can take years to diagnose; and

WHEREAS:

While fibromyalgia has no known cure, early diagnosis and treatment can reduce

disability and symptoms such as body pain, fatigue, sleep disorders, stiffness,

weakness, headaches, and impaired memory and concentration; and

WHEREAS:

Increased awareness by the public, health care providers, and policymakers of

the daily challenges of fibromyalgia, and its impacts on patients' quality of life

may reduce the stigma of this illness; and

WHEREAS:

People with fibromyalgia deserve to be treated with the same dignity and respect

to which all Minnesotans are entitled; and

WHEREAS:

The National Fibromyalgia and Chronic Pain Association, a nonprofit 50lc3

charitable organization, and others have joined together to advocate for

fibromyalgia awareness.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Saturday, May 12, 2018, as:

## FIBROMYALGIA ÁWARENESS DAY

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 8<sup>th</sup> day of May.



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SECRETARY OF STATE

