



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, fibromyalgia is a complex chronic pain illness affecting about 2 percent of the US adult population; and

WHEREAS, about 4 million adults nationwide are affected by Fibromyalgia, a disease for which there is no known cure; and

WHEREAS, fibromyalgia affects women, men, and children of all ages and races; and

WHEREAS, fibromyalgia is shown to affect the central nervous system causing widespread body pain, extreme fatigue, sleep disorders, and cognitive dysfunction, such as impairment of memory and concentration, and

WHEREAS, existing public information, medical education, research, and resources to properly serve patient communities remain inadequately disseminated and are insufficient in addressing the needs of specific diverse populations and other underserved groups; and

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

WHEREAS, increased awareness and understanding by the public, healthcare providers, and policymakers of the daily complex management of fibromyalgia and its impact on patients' function and quality of life may reduce the stigma of this illness;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2024, as

Fibromyalgia Awareness Month

in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this eleventh day of April, 2024.

Bill Lee

Governor

Justin Boyd

Secretary of State