



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, approximately two percent of the population of our country have been diagnosed with fibromyalgia, a disease for which there is no known cause or cure; and

WHEREAS, fibromyalgia is a chronic illness that causes widespread debilitating musculoskeletal pain, fatigue, and often lack of concentration and mood disorders in women, men, and children of all ethnicities; and

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

WHEREAS, reaching a diagnosis of fibromyalgia may be difficult, and medical professionals may be inadequately educated on the diagnosis and treatment; 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 community's understanding about fibromyalgia and its impact on patients' lives can provide hope for a better future for people with fibromyalgia;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby May 12, 2013, as

Fibromyalgia and Chronic Pain Awareness Day

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 twenty-eighth day of March, 2013.

Bill Haslam

Governor

Jae King

Secretary of State