



## 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 501c3 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 AWARENESS 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.



  
GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE