

NAME OF RESOLUTION: Fibromyalgia Awareness Month

WHEREAS Fibromyalgia is a complex chronic illness which causes fatigue, cognitive problems, and debilitating pain in all genders, all ages, and races; and

WHEREAS Over 4 million people in the United States—2 to 4 percent of the population and millions of people worldwide—have been diagnosed with fibromyalgia, a disease for which there is no known cure; and

WHEREAS Fibromyalgia often takes an average of three to five years to receive a diagnosis of fibromyalgia; 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 lack of social acceptance; and

WHEREAS increased public awareness, education, and research are the key to winning the battle against fibromyalgia; and

WHEREAS the Support Fibromyalgia Network, Veteran Voices For Fibromyalgia, and Looms for Lupus, have joined together to advocate for fibromyalgia awareness, support, and a better future for research, treatment, diagnosis, and education.