

NAME OF RESOLUTION: Fibromyalgia Awareness Month

WHEREAS Fibromyalgia is a complex chronic illness condition that causes fatigue, cognitive dysfunction, sleep disturbances, and widespread debilitating pain; and

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

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

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

WHEREAS organizations and patient leaders have joined together to advocate for fibromyalgia awareness and support a better future for research, treatment, and education;