



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

FIBROMYALGIA AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS:** Fibromyalgia is a complex chronic pain illness affecting over 700,000 Georgia residents; and
- WHEREAS:** Fibromyalgia has no known cure and can affect women, men, and children of all ages and races. 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 for patients remain limited, making it difficult for many citizens to receive the essential diagnosis and care they need; and
- WHEREAS:** Increased awareness and understanding the daily complex management of fibromyalgia and its impact on patients' function and quality of life by members of the public, healthcare providers, and leaders may reduce the stigma of this illness and help propel breakthroughs in research and treatment; and
- WHEREAS:** The Support Fibromyalgia Network and its organizations like the Sherri Little and Fibro Warriors Living Life have joined together to promote fibromyalgia awareness, support, and a better future for research, treatment, diagnosis, and education in the State of Georgia and beyond; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 2024, as FIBROMYALGIA AWARENESS MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 5th day of April in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Four.



B. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Laura M. Curry

CHIEF OF STAFF