



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

FIBROMYALGIA DAY

- WHEREAS:** Fibromyalgia is a complex chronic pain illness affecting over 700,000 individuals in the State of Georgia. Over 23 million people nationwide have been diagnosed with Fibromyalgia, a disease for which there is no known cure; and
- WHEREAS:** Fibromyalgia affects women, men and children of all ages and races and 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 to properly serve patient communities is scarce and in often not effective 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 awareness and understanding by the public, healthcare providers, and policymakers of the daily complex management of fibromyalgia and its impact on patients' function and quality of life may reduce the stigma of this illness. the Fibromyalgia National Health Organization and Sherri Little Foundation, nonprofit organizations; and Fibro Warriors Living Life have joined together to advocate for fibromyalgia awareness, support, and a better future for research, treatment, diagnosis, and education; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 12, 2025, as FIBROMYALGIA DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 22nd day of November in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Four.



B. P. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Laura M. Curry

CHIEF OF STAFF