

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Fibromyalgia is a complex chronic pain illness affecting over ten million people in the United States (two to six percent of the population); and

WHEREAS: It may take years to be diagnosed with fibromyalgia, and family members are eight times more likely to also be diagnosed; and

WHEREAS: Fibromyalgia is shown to affect the central nervous system and has no known cure, early diagnosis and treatment can reduce disability and symptoms of widespread body pain, fatigue, sleep disorders, stiffness and weakness, headaches, numbness and tingling, impairment of memory and concentration and coexisting conditions such as IBS, TMJD, migraine, environmental sensitivities and anxiety; and

WHEREAS: Increased awareness and understanding by the public, health care providers and policymakers of the daily multifaceted management challenges of fibromyalgia and its impact on patients' function and quality of life may reduce the stigma of this illness; and

WHEREAS: People with fibromyalgia have a right to be treated with dignity and a right to pain relief; and

WHEREAS: The National Fibromyalgia & Chronic Pain Association, a nonprofit 501C3 charitable organization, members of its Leaders Against Pain Action Network and other groups around our country have joined together to advocate for fibromyalgia awareness, support and a better future through research, diagnosis, education and treatment;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ASA HUTCHINSON, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim May 12th, 2016, as

FIBROMYALGIA AWARENESS DAY

across the State of Arkansas, and I urge all citizens to support the search for a cure and assist those individuals and families who cope with this difficult disease on a daily basis.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 22nd day of March, in the year of our Lord 2016.



Asa Hutchinson

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Mark Martin

Mark Martin, Secretary Of State