

# Proclamation

## by Governor Patrick Morrisey

- Whereas,** Fibromyalgia affects 3-5% of the population in the United States, meaning approximately 11 million to 17 million Americans have Fibromyalgia, and 5,298 – 8,831 of West Virginia Constituents have Fibromyalgia; and
- Whereas,** in addition to chronic pain, Fibromyalgia's symptoms include moderate to severe fatigue, sleep disorders, stiffness and weakness, mobility/balance instability, headaches/migraines, numbness and tingling, nausea, vertigo and impairment of memory and concentration; and
- Whereas,** due to interference with the internal bodily systems, people living with fibromyalgia often develop several co-existing medical conditions, which may include Chronic Myofascial Pain, Irritable Bowel Syndrome (IBS), Raynaud's Syndrome, Interstitial Cystitis (IC), Postural Orthostatic Tachycardia Syndrome (POTS), Peripheral Neuropathy, Anxiety, Depression, and Chemical and Environmental Sensitivities; and
- Whereas,** it can take many years for a patient to receive a formal diagnosis of Fibromyalgia; and
- Whereas,** increased awareness by the public, licensed medical providers, healthcare systems, and policymakers of the daily multifaceted management challenges of Fibromyalgia and its impact on a person's quality of life. Increased understanding of Fibromyalgia will reduce the stigma of this illness; and
- Whereas,** Veteran Voices For Fibromyalgia team members, advocates, patients and caregivers alike will engage in awareness initiatives to honor *Fibromyalgia Awareness Day*, and will share free educational videos, provide free resources and supports, engage in Fibromyalgia legislative advocacy, and cultivate discussions about Fibromyalgia online using the hashtags: #FibromyalgiaAwarenessDay and #TeamFibro.

**Now, Therefore,** Be it Resolved that I, Patrick Morrisey, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *May 12, 2025*, as:

### *National Fibromyalgia Awareness Day*

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in this observance.

**In Witness Whereof,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

**Done** at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Twelfth day of May, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Five, and in the One Hundred Sixty-Second year of the State.



Patrick Morrisey  
Governor

By the Governor:



Kris Warner  
Secretary of State