

Resolution for New York State Fibromyalgia Awareness Week

State of New York

Legislative Resolution

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Assembly No. 1194



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Memorializing Governor David A. Patterson to
proclaim May 10-16, 2010, as Fibromyalgia Awareness
Week in the State of New York

WHEREAS, An estimated 10 million people in the United States, six to eight percent of the population, and millions of people worldwide have been diagnosed with fibromyalgia, a disease for which there is no known cause or cure; and

WHEREAS, A chronic disorder that increases at alarming rates, fibromyalgia causes fatigue and debilitating pain in women, men, and children of all ethnicities; and

WHEREAS, Patients with fibromyalgia often have to learn to live with widespread pain throughout their bodies, extreme fatigue, sleep disorders, stiffness and weakness, migraine headaches, numbness and tingling and impairment of memory and concentration; and

WHEREAS, It often takes an average of five years to receive a diagnosis of fibromyalgia, and medical professionals frequently are inadequately educated on the diagnosis and treatment of fibromyalgia; and

WHEREAS, Increased awareness and expanded knowledge of the realities of life with fibromyalgia will allow the community at large to better support people who struggle with the challenges of this chronic pain disorder; and

WHEREAS, A nonprofit charitable organization and the publisher of Fibromyalgia AWARE, the first and only consumer magazine for fibromyalgia, the National Fibromyalgia Association has joined together with other groups around the country, including the International Institute For Human Empowerment based in New York State, to promote fibromyalgia awareness and support, including improved education, diagnosis, research and treatment; and

WHEREAS, The International Institute For Human Empowerment is the sponsor of various fibromyalgia awareness events, as well as, the Select Empowerment Seminar report: "Fibromyalgia: Awareness, Advocacy, and Action," encouraging the medical community, patients, employers, government health and human rights agencies, educators, and caregivers, to work together to support and improve the lives of fibromyalgia patients; and

WHEREAS, In addition, the National Fibromyalgia Association is urging fibromyalgia patients and their supporters, healthcare providers and the general public to demonstrate their caring by sharing the road patients walk, the facts about fibromyalgia, and evergrowing awareness about the etiology of this disorder and potential treatments; and

WHEREAS, The community's focus on fibromyalgia and its impact on patients' lives will help guarantee hope for a better future for people with fibromyalgia; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body recognizes the needs of those chronically ill people who suffer from fibromyalgia and urge all of our citizens to support the search for a cure and assist those individuals and families who deal with this devastating disorder on a daily basis; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor David A. Paterson to proclaim May 10-16, 2010, as Fibromyalgia Awareness Week in the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Honorable David A. Paterson, Governor of the State of New York, and the National Fibromyalgia Association.

ADOPTED IN SENATE ON
April 20, 2010

By order of the Senate,

Angelo J. Aponte, Secretary

ADOPTED IN ASSEMBLY ON
By order of the Assembly,
April 12, 2010




Laurene R. Kretzler, Clerk