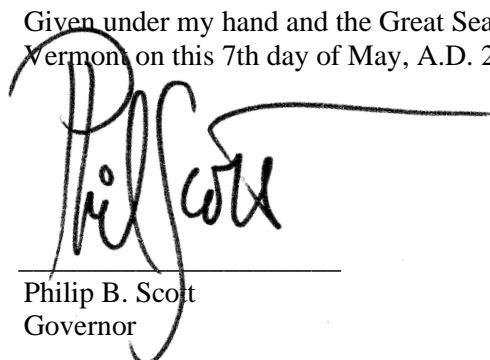


**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

- WHEREAS,** fibromyalgia is a complex chronic pain illness affecting over 40,000 Vermont residents (over six percent of the population); and
- WHEREAS,** over 21 million people nationwide have been diagnosed with fibromyalgia, a disease for which there is no known cure; and
- WHEREAS,** 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 to properly serve patient communities remain inadequately disseminated and are insufficient 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 from the public, healthcare providers, and policy makers of the daily complex management of fibromyalgia and its impact on patients' function and quality of life may reduce the stigma of the illness; and
- WHEREAS,** the Support Fibromyalgia Network and Sherri Little Foundation, both non-profit 501(c)3 charitable 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, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim the 12th day of May, 2024, as


**FIBROMYALGIA DAY
in Vermont.**

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 7th day of May, A.D. 2024.



Philip B. Scott
Governor




Brittney J. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs