

CHRONIC FATIGUE SYNDROME AND FIBROMYALGIA AWARENESS DAY

WHEREAS: Chronic fatigue syndrome and fibromyalgia are serious and complex illnesses that affect many different body systems; and

WHEREAS: These illnesses often go undiagnosed or misdiagnosed as symptoms can resemble other disorders; and

WHEREAS: Chronic fatigue syndrome and fibromyalgia affect the lives of 800,000 Americans including men, women and children of all ages, ethnic and socioeconomic groups; and

WHEREAS: Many of the patients who suffer from CFS or FM spend entire days, weeks and even years confined to bed due to the disabling effects of the illnesses; and

WHEREAS: Chronic fatigue syndrome and fibromyalgia awareness day seeks to offer hope to patients and caregivers and raise awareness and understanding in hopes of finding a viable treatment and an ultimate cure; now

THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 12, 2005, as CHRONIC FATIGUE SYNDROME AND FIBROMYALGIA AWARENESS DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this fifth day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand five.