

Senators Booher, Anderson, Hansen, Moolenaar and Bieda offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 38.

A resolution to recognize May 12, 2011, as Fibromyalgia Awareness Day.

Whereas, Fibromyalgia is a complex chronic pain disorder that affects an estimated 10 million Americans and approximately 3 percent to 6 percent of the population worldwide; and

Whereas, While it occurs most often in women, it strikes men and children and all ethnic backgrounds; and

Whereas, For those with severe symptoms, fibromyalgia can be extremely debilitating and interfere with basic daily activities; and

Whereas, Fibromyalgia often occurs following a physical trauma, such as an acute illness or injury, which may act as a trigger in the development of the disorder. Recent studies have suggested that FM patients have generalized disturbance in pain processing and an amplified response to stimuli that would not ordinarily be painful in healthy individuals; and

Whereas, There is no known cure for fibromyalgia. Treatment focuses on relieving symptoms and improving function. A variety of prescription medications are often used to reduce pain levels and improve sleep; and

Whereas, Spreading awareness of the symptoms of fibromyalgia can help put an end to the lack of understanding, education, and awareness of fibromyalgia that causes patients to go through countless instances of mistreatment and misdiagnosis; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That in recognition of the importance of the ongoing fight against fibromyalgia, we do hereby proclaim May 12, 2011, as Fibromyalgia Awareness Day in Michigan. We encourage all citizens to help educate and support family, friends, and neighbors who have been diagnosed with fibromyalgia as an expression of support and compassion to fight this dreadful pain disorder. By increasing awareness of the risk factors and taking direct actions to reduce them, we can enable those who suffer from the disorder to live more peacefully; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Office of the Governor of Michigan and director of the Department of Community Health.