

CITY OF COACHELLA
CALIFORNIA

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Fibromyalgia is a complex, chronic illness characterized by widespread pain, fatigue, sleep disturbances, and cognitive difficulties commonly referred to as “fibro fog,” affecting individuals of all ages, genders, and racial or ethnic backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, more than four million adults in the United States—approximately 2 to 4 percent of the population and millions more worldwide live with Fibromyalgia, a condition for which there is currently no known cure; and

WHEREAS, individuals with Fibromyalgia often experience significant delays in diagnosis, with an average diagnostic timeframe of three to five years, due in part to the complexity of symptoms and limited awareness among healthcare providers; and

WHEREAS, existing public information, medical education, research, and resources remain insufficient to adequately serve patient communities, particularly within diverse and underserved populations who face additional barriers to care; and

WHEREAS, Fibromyalgia also affects children and young adults, who face unique challenges not only from the symptoms of the illness but also from a lack of understanding and social acceptance. Increased public awareness, education, and research are essential to improving diagnosis, treatment, and quality of life for individuals living with Fibromyalgia; and

WHEREAS, Looms for Lupus advocates for Fibromyalgia awareness, support, and a future with improved research, treatment, diagnosis, and education for all affected individuals;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Frank Figueroa, Mayor Pro Tem and Council of the City of Coachella, by the power vested in us, do hereby recognize May 2026 as

Fibromyalgia Awareness Month

encourage all residents to support efforts to increase understanding, compassion, and advocacy for those living with Fibromyalgia.

IN WITNESS HEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City of Coachella, California to be affixed this 22nd day of April 2026.

Dr. Frank Figueroa, Mayor Pro Tem
City of Coachella, California