

CITY OF COACHELLA  
CALIFORNIA

*Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, Fibromyalgia is a complex chronic illness which causes fatigue, cognitive problems, and debilitating pain in women, men, and children of all ages and races; and

**WHEREAS**, over 4 million people in the United States—2 to 4 percent of the population and millions of people worldwide—have been diagnosed with Fibromyalgia, a disease for which there is no known cure; and

**WHEREAS**, Fibromyalgia often takes an average of three to five years to receive a diagnosis; 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 public awareness, education and research are the key to winning the battle against Fibromyalgia; and

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Steven A. Hernandez, Mayor of the City of Coachella, by the power vested in me, do hereby claim May 2023 as

*Fibromyalgia Awareness Month*

and urge all citizens of the City of Coachella to increase awareness and understanding of fibromyalgia in our community.

**IN WITNESS HEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City of Coachella, California to be affixed this 10<sup>th</sup> day of May 2023.

  
Steven A. Hernandez, Mayor  
City of Coachella, California

