

Proclamation

***WHEREAS** an estimated 10 million people in the United States—6 to 8 percent of the population of our country—and millions of people worldwide have been diagnosed with fibromyalgia, a disease for which there is no known cause or cure; and*

***WHEREAS** fibromyalgia is a chronic disorder—increasing at alarming rates—which causes fatigue and debilitating pain in women, men, and children of all ethnicities; and*

***WHEREAS** patients with this disorder often have to learn to live with widespread pain throughout their bodies; extreme fatigue; sleep disorders; stiffness and weakness; migraine headaches; numbness and tingling; impairment of memory and concentration; and*

***WHEREAS** it often takes an average of five years to receive a diagnosis of fibromyalgia, and medical professionals frequently are inadequately educated on the diagnosis and treatment of fibromyalgia; and*

***WHEREAS** increased awareness and expanded knowledge of the realities of life with fibromyalgia will allow the community at large to better support people who struggle with the challenges of this chronic pain disorder; and*

***WHEREAS** the National Fibromyalgia Association is a nonprofit charitable organization and the publisher of Fibromyalgia AWARE, the first and only consumer magazine for fibromyalgia; and*

***WHEREAS** the National Fibromyalgia Association and the City of Milton and other groups around our country have joined together to promote fibromyalgia awareness and support—including improved education, diagnosis, research and treatment; and*

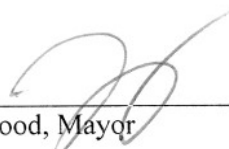
***WHEREAS** the National Fibromyalgia Association is urging fibromyalgia patients and their supporters, healthcare providers and the general public to demonstrate their caring by sharing the road patients walk, the facts about **fibromyalgia**, and ever-growing awareness about the etiology of this disorder and potential treatments; and*

***WHEREAS** the community's focus on fibromyalgia and its impact on patients' lives will help guarantee hope for a better future for people with fibromyalgia;*

***NOW, THEREFORE**, we, the Mayor and Council of the City of Milton hereby do recognize the needs of these chronically ill people and proclaim May 12, 2008 as "Fibromyalgia Awareness Day" in the City of Milton, and urge all of our citizens to support the search for a cure and assist those individuals and families who deal with this devastating disorder on a daily basis.*

Given under my hand and the Seal of the City of Milton, Georgia on this 5th day of May, 2008.





Joe Lockwood, Mayor