

**As Reported by the House Health and Aging Committee**

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**S. C. R. No. 23**

**Senators Burke, Cafaro**

**Cosponsors: Senators Brown, Gentile, Gardner, Patton, Hughes, Jones,  
Tavares, Bacon, Balderson, Beagle, Coley, Eklund, Hite, LaRose, Lehner,  
Manning, Obhof, Oelslager, Peterson, Sawyer, Schaffer, Schiavoni, Skindell,  
Smith, Widener Representatives Brenner, Barnes, Brown, Carney, Johnson,  
Smith**

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**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

Declaring May 12, 2014 "National Fibromyalgia 1  
Awareness Day" in Ohio. 2

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF OHIO (THE HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING):**

WHEREAS, Millions of people in the United States have 3  
fibromyalgia, a medical disorder for which there is no known cure; 4  
and 5

WHEREAS, Fibromyalgia is a chronic illness that causes 6  
debilitating pain and fatigue in women, men, and children of all 7  
ethnicities; and 8

WHEREAS, Patients with this illness often have to learn to 9  
live with widespread pain throughout their bodies, extreme 10  
fatigue, sleep disorders, migraine headaches, and impairment of 11  
memory and concentration; and 12

WHEREAS, Patients with fibromyalgia often have a number of 13  
co-existing conditions, which may include chronic myofascial pain, 14  
irritable bowel syndrome, temporomandibular joint disorder, 15

environmental sensitivities, anxiety, and depression; and 16

WHEREAS, Increased awareness and expanded knowledge of the 17  
realities of living with fibromyalgia and its impact on patients' 18  
quality of life will allow the community to better support people 19  
who struggle with the challenges of this chronic-pain illness; and 20

WHEREAS, Early diagnosis and a multi-disciplinary approach to 21  
treatment reduces severity of symptoms; and 22

WHEREAS, The National Fibromyalgia & Chronic Pain 23  
Association; Kevin Hackshaw, M.D., Associate Professor of Medicine 24  
at The Ohio State University College of Medicine; E. Michelle Lee, 25  
host of *The Exceptions to the Rules* radio program; and other 26  
groups around the country have joined together to promote 27  
fibromyalgia awareness and support; now therefore be it 28

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 130th General Assembly 29  
of the State of Ohio, in adopting this resolution, declare May 12, 30  
2014, as "National Fibromyalgia Awareness Day" in Ohio; and be it 31  
further 32

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit duly 33  
authenticated copies of this resolution to the news media of Ohio. 34