

**FIBROMYALGIA AWARENESS DAY JOINT RESOLUTION**

2011 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Peter C. Knudson**

House Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This joint resolution of the Legislature designates May 12, 2011, as Fibromyalgia Awareness Day.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This resolution:

- ▶ designates May 12, 2011, as Fibromyalgia Awareness Day in the state of Utah; and
- ▶ recognizes the needs of those stricken with fibromyalgia and urges citizens of the state to support the search for a cure and assist those individuals and families who deal with this devastating disorder on a daily basis.

**Special Clauses:**

None

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*Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

WHEREAS, an estimated 10 million Americans have been diagnosed with Fibromyalgia, most of them women;

WHEREAS, fibromyalgia is a chronic pain disorder that is poorly understood but is becoming an increasingly common diagnosis;

WHEREAS, fibromyalgia takes a toll emotionally, financially, and socially on patients, their families, friends, co-workers, and communities;

WHEREAS, as with other chronic pain conditions, many patients with fibromyalgia



28 will consult multiple health care providers and often live with the pain for years before it is  
29 properly diagnosed and managed;

30 WHEREAS, fibromyalgia is real and can be devastating to patients and families;

31 WHEREAS, presently there is no cure for fibromyalgia, but there are treatments that  
32 can help;

33 WHEREAS, many people have found ways to enjoy a good quality of life while living  
34 with fibromyalgia;

35 WHEREAS, the chronically ill place a larger burden on the health care and insurance  
36 industries and businesses that must cover the costly expenses associated with their treatment,  
37 medications, and sometimes hospitalizations;

38 WHEREAS, increased awareness and expanded knowledge of the realities of living  
39 with fibromyalgia will allow communities at large to better support patients and their families,  
40 friends, co-workers, and employers who struggle with the challenges of this chronic pain  
41 disorder;

42 WHEREAS, there are common insurance barriers that impede access to pain care for  
43 those with fibromyalgia; and

44 WHEREAS, these insurance barriers promote undue suffering and untreated,  
45 undertreated, or inappropriately treated pain:

46 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah  
47 designates May 12, 2011, as Fibromyalgia Awareness Day in the state of Utah.

48 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature recognizes the needs of those  
49 stricken with fibromyalgia and urges citizens of the state to support the search for a cure and  
50 assist those individuals and families who deal with this devastating disorder on a daily basis.

51 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the National  
52 Fibromyalgia Association, the Utah Fibromyalgia Association, the Utah Department of Health,  
53 the Utah Association of Independent Insurance Agents, and to the Utah Medical Association.

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**Legislative Review Note**  
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**Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel**

# FISCAL NOTE

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SHORT TITLE: Fibromyalgia Awareness Day Joint Resolution

SPONSOR: Knudson, P.

STATE OF UTAH

## STATE GOVERNMENT (UCA 36-12-13(2)(b))

Enactment of this resolution likely will not materially impact the state budget.

## LOCAL GOVERNMENTS (UCA 36-12-13(2)(c))

Enactment of this resolution likely will not result in direct, measurable costs and/or benefits for local governments.

## DIRECT EXPENDITURES BY UTAH RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES (UCA 36-12-13(2)(d))

Enactment of this resolution likely will not result in direct, measurable expenditures by Utah residents or businesses.