

*TOWN OF FOUNTAIN HILLS
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 illness – increasing at alarming rates – that causes fatigue and debilitating pain in women, men and children of all ethnicities; and

WHEREAS, patients with this illness 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 may take years to receive a diagnosis of fibromyalgia, and medical professionals are often 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, various organizations, businesses, and others around our country promote fibromyalgia awareness and support – including improved education, diagnosis, research, and treatment; 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, I, Jay T. Schlum, Mayor of the Town of Fountain Hills, do hereby recognize the needs of these chronically ill people and proclaim May 12, 2012 as Fibromyalgia Awareness Day in Fountain Hills, and urge all of our citizens to support the search for a cure and assist those individuals and families who deal with this devastating disease on a daily basis.



Jay T. Schlum, Mayor

ATTEST:

Bevelyn J. Bender, Town Clerk