



# THE CITY OF WINDSOR

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

DREW DILKENS, DBA  
MAYOR

## PROCLAMATION

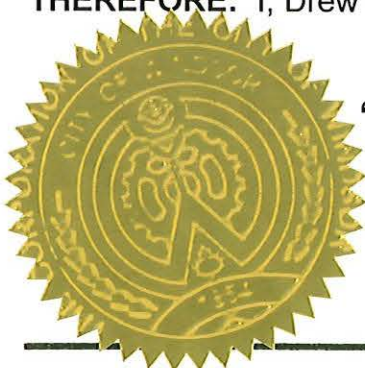
### “International Fibromyalgia Awareness Day” May 12, 2024

- WHEREAS:** Fibromyalgia Awareness Day aims to raise awareness and end the stigma and discrimination that accompany this chronic illness; and,
- WHEREAS:** Fibromyalgia Association Canada is the only national organization in Canada that supports only fibromyalgia; and Fibromyalgia affects about 5% of Canada's population over 2,000,000 men, women and children of all ages and races in Canada are afflicted with the chronic illness; and,
- WHEREAS:** Fibromyalgia often takes an average of (3) to (5) years to diagnose; and there is no known cause of prevention of or cure of fibromyalgia; and,
- WHEREAS:** Fibromyalgia is a complex illness whose symptoms vary widely and may include debilitating chronic pain, overwhelming fatigue, and cognitive impairment; and,
- WHEREAS:** Patients with fibromyalgia often have a number of co-existing conditions, which may include chronic myofascial pain, irritable bowel syndrome, temporomandibular joint disorder (TMJ), environmental sensitivities, anxiety and depression; and this condition greatly reduces the quality of life, can cause disability and also affect families, friends, and employers; and,
- WHEREAS:** Living with chronic pain and fatigue on a daily basis can lead to social isolation, so it is important for sufferers and their families, friends, and caregivers to know that they are not alone; and people with fibromyalgia have a right to be treated with dignity and have a right to pain relief; and
- WHEREAS:** Together we will enhance the quality of lives for people affected by fibromyalgia and together find a cure.

**THEREFORE:** I, Drew Dilkens, Mayor of the City of Windsor, do hereby proclaim

**May 12, 2024**

**“International Fibromyalgia Awareness Day”**  
in the City of Windsor.

  
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Mayor