2007 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 104

March 11, 2008 – Introduced by Senator Lᴀssᴀ. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1   **Relating to:** recognizing May 12, 2008, as Fibromyalgia Awareness Day.

2   Whereas, fibromyalgia is a disease with uncertain cause and no known cure;

3   this chronic condition affects an estimated seven to ten million people in the United

4   States and many more millions of people worldwide; and

5   Whereas, fibromyalgia is more likely to affect women, occurring nine times out

6   of ten in women; and

7   Whereas, fibromyalgia is a very serious and chronic illness, increasing at

8   dramatic rates, causing those affected to suffer from fatigue and debilitating pain in

9   the muscles, ligaments, and tendons; and

10   Whereas, people living with this condition learn to live with difficulty in

11   performing everyday activities, such as climbing stairs, lifting weight, and

12   performing other actions involving physical strain, and with widespread pain in

13   muscles, joints, and ligaments; and

1   Whereas, people with fibromyalgia face discrimination in the workplace and

2   from family and friends because so few people are aware or understand what

3   fibromyalgia is and the symptoms with which it manifests; and

4   Whereas, a diagnosis of fibromyalgia is difficult and takes an average of five

5   years because many of the symptoms mimic those of other disorders, resulting in the

6   average person spending thousands of dollars in medical bills just to receive a

7   diagnosis; and

8   Whereas, public education is important in order for patients to receive proper

9   diagnosis and treatment; public awareness will help to eliminate the myths, improve

10   patient support, and encourage research; now, therefore, be it

11   ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** May 12, 2008, be

12   recognized as Fibromyalgia Awareness Day in Wisconsin, and all citizens are

13   encouraged to support those seeking a cure for fibromyalgia and to assist those

14   individuals and families who on a daily basis deal with this devastating disease.

15   **(END)**