



A PROCLAMATION

On Behalf Of The People Of
THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE

By Her Honor The Mayor
Madeline Rogero
To Publicly Recognize

Myalgic Encephalomyelitis, Chronic Fatigue Syndrome

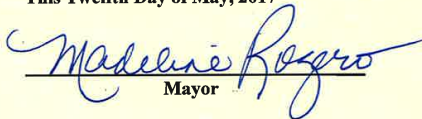
- WHEREAS:** Myalgic Encephalomyelitis (ME), commonly known as Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (ME/CFS), is a neurological and autoimmune disease characterized by overwhelming fatigue, pain, post-exertional malaise, headaches, cardiac symptoms, immune disorders, dizziness, and balance problems; and
- WHEREAS:** Fibromyalgia (FM) is characterized by severe musculoskeletal pain and tenderness in many areas of the body, along with fatigue and sleep dysfunction, generalized or regional stiffness, and in some cases neurological and cognitive symptoms. This pain can become strong enough to prevent people from working or engaging in physical activities for months and even years; and
- WHEREAS:** Multiple Chemical Sensitivities (MCS), also called Environmental Sensitivities or Intolerances, means an unusually severe sensitivity or allergy-like reaction to different kinds of pollutants such as chemicals, perfumes and other environmental triggers; and
- WHEREAS:** More than 20 million individuals worldwide are afflicted by these chronic illnesses, and once diagnosed, one is often ill for years, and as many as 70 percent are disabled for life; and
- WHEREAS:** These illnesses affect men, women and children of all backgrounds and presently the causes are unknown.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Madeline Rogero, Mayor of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee,
do hereby proclaim May 12, 2017, to be:

Myalgic Encephalomyelitis Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Awareness Day

in our city and ask all citizens to join in this observance.

Given under my hand and affixed with the
Seal of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee,
This Twelfth Day of May, 2017


Mayor

