WHEREAS, an estimated 20 million children and adults in the United States have neuro-endocrine immune diseases (NEIDs) including myalgic encephalomyelitis/chronic fatigue syndrome (ME/CFS), fibromyalgia syndrome (FM), chronic Lyme disease (CLD), Gulf War illness (GWI) and multiple chemical sensitivity (MCS); and

WHEREAS, these complex diseases disrupt many different body systems and organs which cause neurological problems including dysfunction of the autonomic central nervous system, cognitive impairment of memory and concentration, insomnia, sensitivities to chemicals, endocrine system abnormalities and immunological problems among others, and they often complicate daily activities and persist for years; and

WHEREAS, NEIDs are debilitating chronic illnesses that can be life threatening, often taking an average of three to seven years to diagnose, and health organizations around the world are working to promote the education and training of health care professionals in the proper care and treatment of patients; and

NOW BE IT HEREBY PROCLAIMED by the Anaheim City Council that May 12, 2013, be designated as

INTERNATIONAL ME/CFS AND FIBROMYALGIA AWARENESS DAY

and the City of Anaheim hereby recognizes the difficulties encountered by these chronically ill individuals and encourage citizens to support research to find a cure and assist those who live with these devastating conditions to enhance their quality of life.

AUTHORIZED by the Anaheim City Council this 21st day of April, 2013.

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