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Mayor Steven Abrams Declares May 12, 2007, National Fibromyalgia Awareness Day in Boca Raton, Florida

Fibromyalgia (FM) is a complex chronic pain illness that is recognized by the American Medical Association, the National Institutes of Health, and the American College of Rheumatology. FM experts estimate that at least 8 to 10 million Americans and approximately 5% of the population worldwide suffer with this disorder. For those with severe symptoms, FM can be extremely debilitating and interfere with even routine daily activities.

“We need to continue to create awareness in our state for fibromyalgia and other neuroendocrineimmune disorders, such as chronic fatigue syndrome, Gulf War syndrome and multiple chemical sensitivities. P.A.N.D.O.R.A.’s members are working hard to establish the Florida Neuroendocrineimmune Institute,” says Marla Silverman, president and founder of P.A.N.D.O.R.A., www.pandoranet.info, a nonprofit 501 c 3 organization for individuals with fibromyalgia and other related neuroendocrineimmune disorders. We are **One Strong Voice for Many**®. “Through this event and many others, our goal is to create awareness of the plight of individuals suffering with neuroendocrineimmune disorders and in particular of fibromyalgia. Our mission is to alleviate many of the issues that affect the quality of life of persons who are diagnosed with these disorders. P.A.N.D.O.R.A. was built on **Hope**. We are strong on **Advocacy**, and we support scientific **Research**, so ultimately a **Cure** can be found. “

Yvette Taylor, member of P.A.N.D.O.R.A.’s Board of Directors, who chaired the highly successful May 6, 2007, Awareness event at the Boca Raton Community Hospital, shared that “The afternoon event was a wonderful opportunity for individuals with FM and their family and friends to meet and foster a greater understanding of fibromyalgia. Our goal is to make an invisible disorder gain new visibility in our community. “

PANDORA greatly appreciates Mayor Abrams involvement, and we are delighted that he is cognizant of the plight of fibromyalgia individuals in the city of Boca Raton and in South Florida.

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