

WHEREAS, Pain is a major public health problem for children and adults and is the number one reason Americans seek medical care; and

WHEREAS, The Institute of Medicine has found that 100 million Americans live with chronic pain as a result of serious illnesses and injuries; and

WHEREAS, Chronic pain costs the nation an estimated \$560 to \$630 billion annually in medical expenses, lost wages and lost productivity; and

WHEREAS, Pain negatively impacts almost every aspect of a person's life including the ability to work, sleep, and engage in social activities as well as adversely impacts pain sufferers' families and caregivers; and

WHEREAS, The U.S. Pain Foundation's mission is to educate, connect, inform, empower, and advocate on behalf of our over 80,000 members throughout the country and all those who live with chronic pain; and

WHEREAS, The U.S. Pain Foundation provides education on pain management skills and constructive ways to cope with pain and find fulfillment in life; and

WHEREAS, Increased awareness about the effects of chronic pain result in better outcomes, increased access to good pain care, and empowerment and validation for those living with pain.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE FULLER, BY THE POWER VESTED IN ME AS MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MCKINNEY, TEXAS, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM SEPTEMBER 2018

eorge Fuller, Mayor

"PAIN AWARENESS MONTH"

IN THE CITY OF MCKINNEY TEXAS.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL THIS THE 27TH DAY OF AUGUST 2018.

ATTEST:

Empress Draine, City Secretary