

(131st General Assembly)  
(Senate Bill Number 291)

# AN ACT

To enact section 5.29 of the Revised Code to designate September as "Pain Awareness Month."

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio:*

SECTION 1. That section 5.29 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 5.29. The month of September is designated as "Pain Awareness Month" to raise public awareness and understanding of physical pain and pain management.

SECTION 2. In declaring September "Pain Awareness Month" by the enactment of section 5.29 of the Revised Code, the General Assembly recognizes that physical pain affects tens of millions of Americans and that untreated or inadequately treated pain can diminish quality of life and result in economic loss to Ohio through medical expenses, lost wages, reduced productivity, and other costs. The General Assembly considers increasing public awareness of physical pain and promoting access to appropriate pain treatment for all Ohioans vital to reducing suffering and removing barriers to pain-free living.

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*Speaker* \_\_\_\_\_ *of the House of Representatives.*

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*President* \_\_\_\_\_ *of the Senate.*

Passed \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

Approved \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

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*Governor.*

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The section numbering of law of a general and permanent nature is complete and in conformity with the Revised Code.

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*Director, Legislative Service Commission.*

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*Secretary of State.*

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