

FND Hope International 1215 Shoup Street Salmon, Idaho 83467

**RE: April World FND Month** 

Dear Sir/Madam

We are inviting the public and large national and international organizations to support April World FND Awareness Month by highlighting the devastating impact Functional Neurological Disorder (FND) has on men, women, and children around the world. The goal of World FND Month (#FNDaware/#FND2022) is to shine a light on FND by spreading a message of hope and raising awareness for the most common neurological condition most likely never heard of. Through FND Hope's awareness and education efforts, we are putting resources into the hands of those in need.

This year we are asking organizations, buildings, and landmarks to go "**Go Blue and Orange**" on April 13th or anytime in April 2023 for FND Awareness Month, along with additional awareness day activities.

FND Hope International is the first, largest, and only global charity for people with Functional Neurological Disorder. Originating as a grassroots campaign, we empower those affected to live their best life. FND Hope has created the world's largest patient and professional network for FND. Since 2012 our online support network has grown to include individuals from over 100 countries and thousands have visited our website where over a million people have found reliable FND health information.

We give Functional Neurological Disorder patients a voice and lend a listening ear. We give people the courage to keep going and the strength to endure each day. Most of all, though, we give them hope.

Please, join us by showing your support this April for World FND Month.

Kind Regards,

Bridget Mildon
President/CEO FND Hope International







### **FND Hope International's Global Initiative**

FND Hope originated as a grassroots campaign that has become an international organization, FND Hope International, FND Hope US, FND UK, FND Hope Canada, and FND Hope Australia are all committed to the health and well-being of those with functional symptoms. We have joined forces with others in a global network to advocate best practices for ethical patient-centered care for FND. We aim to change how functional symptoms are understood and defined globally and work in a concerted manner to advocate for the men, women, and children who experience life-altering physical and often debilitating functional symptoms. FND Hope and affiliates provide current information for those in need.

## **FND Hope MISSION**

Our mission is to promote awareness, support affected individuals, and advance research for the prevention, treatment, and recovery of FND.

# **FND Hope VISION**

We envision a world where FND patients can expect to be treated with dignity, care, and respect, regardless of the cause of their symptoms.

### **FND Hope VALUES**

We are a force for change, uniting the FND community in the pursuit of empowering and improving the health of those diagnosed with FND or battling medical uncertainty.

- Empowering individuals to advocate for themselves
- Growing a supportive patient network
- Improving understanding through education
- Cultivating and pioneering best practices for ethical patient-centered care
- Building an environment of collaboration and communication
- Accelerating and support science-based research
- Fostering receptively to new discoveries
- Operating with integrity and transparency

### **World FND Month April**

Official FND Awareness Day April 13

Hashtag: #FNDaware #FND2023 #LetsTalkFND

