



## Get your state to officially proclaim Invisible Disabilities Week!

Take less than 5 minutes to submit a request to your state. If approved, you will receive the official documentation complete with the official seal for your governor's office.

Proclamations are official statements of recognition for a specific cause. Requests must be submitted by a state resident. Submit one for your state and ask your loved ones to do the same in their states!

### How to Request a Proclamation:

1. Google "Request Governor Proclamation for (insert your state)."
2. Copy and Paste the information below onto the form provided.
3. Use your own personal address and be sure to request that the proclamation is emailed to you along with a mailed copy!
4. Share with us! Let us know when the request is submitted, approved, and delivered!

### Information Required for Submission:

Each state has slightly different requirements. Do not worry if your state does not require some of these categories.

**Name/ Address:** Use your personal information

**Title:** Invisible Disabilities Week

**Dates:** October 17-23, 2021 or 10/17/21 - 10/23/21

**Organization:** Invisible Disabilities Association

**Requestor's Role in Organization:** Advocate

**Mission Statement of Organization:** Our mission is to encourage, educate and connect people and organizations touched by illness, pain and disability around the globe. Envision with us, a world where people living with illness, pain and disability will be Invisible No More.

**Proclamation Language:**

WHEREAS, About 20% of people live with a condition which could be considered an invisible or hidden disability. That amounts to approximately 66 million Americans;

WHEREAS, nearly half of Americans are living with a chronic medical condition, totaling 165 million people. Disabilities, chronic illnesses, chronic pain and injuries can all considered invisible disabilities and they impact people from minor impairments to completely disabling;

WHEREAS, the term invisible disabilities as created and defined by IDA, distinguishes disabilities not readily apparent based upon just looking at a person, leading this person to fight a battle seldom acknowledged by the outside world;

WHEREAS, without the obvious signs of disability, many of those with invisible disabilities are accused of faking and exaggerating their conditions. This translates to a lack of funding, accommodations, medical resources, and overall support;

WHEREAS, the Invisible Disabilities Association strives to encourage, educate, and connect people and organizations touched by illness, pain and disability. With the help of IDA, we may envision a world where people living with illness, pain, and disability will be Invisible No More;

Email [info@invisibledisabilitiesweek.org](mailto:info@invisibledisabilitiesweek.org) and let us know the date your request was submitted.

Email Image of Proclamation to [info@invisibledisabilitiesweek.org](mailto:info@invisibledisabilitiesweek.org) once you have received it.

