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**International Myalgic Encephalomyelitis/
Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Awareness Week**

SPEECH

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Senator MOORE (Queensland) (17:09): I, and also on behalf of Senator Xenophon, move:

That the Senate—

(a) recognises that:

(i) International Myalgic Encephalomyelitis/Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (ME/CFS) Awareness Week will take place from 8 to 14 May 2017, with a Thunderclap event on 12 May 2017, and

(ii) ME Action Network Australia encourages all Australians to:

(A) understand that ME/CFS is a debilitating illness which may have symptoms persistent for many years, and

(B) be supportive of the need for research funding towards medical treatments;

(b) acknowledges:

(i) the important role of families and carers of ME/CFS sufferers, and

(ii) that ME/CFS remains a poorly understood medical condition; and

(c) calls for further research that may lead to a more comprehensive understanding of this condition.

Question agreed to.