



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

NEUROMYELITIS OPTICA AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS:** Neuromyelitis optica (NMO) is a rare and relatively unknown autoimmune disease that currently has no cure; and
- WHEREAS:** NMO attacks the central nervous system and can cause permanent disability, including blindness and paralysis; and
- WHEREAS:** The cause of NMO is still a mystery, and there are only few approved treatments for the disease; and
- WHEREAS:** When mistaken for other diseases, treatments can exacerbate NMO symptoms; and
- WHEREAS:** Increased awareness about the disease has allowed doctors to become more likely to recognize the varying manifestations of the disease; and
- WHEREAS:** The NMO community is dedicated to increasing awareness and understanding about this disease in order to promote research and improved patients care and outcomes so that a cure may ultimately be found; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim March 2021 as NEUROMYELITIS OPTICA AWARENESS MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 26th day of February in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-One.



B. Kemp
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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CHIEF OF STAFF