BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

NEUROMYELITIS OPTICA SPECTRUM DISORDER AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS: Neuromyelitis Optica Spectrum Disorder (NMOSD), also known as Devic disease, is a rare and relatively unknown central nervous system and autoimmune disease that currently has no cure; and

WHEREAS: NMOSD attacks the central nervous system, resulting in inflation of the optic nerve and spinal cord; and

WHEREAS: NMOSD can cause a lifetime of disability, including, but not limited to, blindness and/or paralysis; and

WHEREAS: When mistaken for other diseases, treatment can exacerbate NMOSD symptoms; and

WHEREAS: Increasing awareness about NMOSD has caused diagnoses to rise, as doctors have become more likely to recognize the varying manifestations of the disease; and

WHEREAS: The NMOSD community is dedicated to increasing awareness and understanding of this disease to promote research, improve patient care and outcomes, and to ultimately find a cure; now

THEREFORE: I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim March 2022 as NEUROMYELITIS OPTICA SPECTRUM DISORDER 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 January in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.

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GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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CHIEF OF STAFF