



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 inflammation 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.



B. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Martha Kipertich

CHIEF OF STAFF