



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA.

A PROCLAMATION

NEUROMYELITIS OPTICA SPECTRUM DISORDER (NMOSD) AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS:** Neuromyelitis Optica Spectrum Disorder (NMOSD) is a rare and relatively unknown autoimmune disease that currently has no cure; and
- WHEREAS:** NMOSD attacks the central nervous system and can cause lifetime disability, including blindness and/or paralysis; and
- WHEREAS:** The cause of NMOSD is still a mystery and there are a few approved treatments for the majority of patients with NMOSD; but no treatments for the remainder of patients; and
- WHEREAS:** When mistaken for other diseases, treatments 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 in order to promote research, improved patient care, and outcomes, and ultimately find a cure; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim March 2023, as NMONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 23rd day of February in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.



B. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Martha Kipfer

CHIEF OF STAFF