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 currently no FDA-approved treatments for the disease; and

WHEREAS: When mistaken for other diseases, treatments can exacerbate NMO symptoms; and

WHEREAS: Increased awareness of 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, improved patient 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 2019 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 25th day of February in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Nineteen.

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GOVERNOR

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CHAIR OF STAFF