

WHEREAS; neuromyelitis optica spectrum disorder (NMOSD) is a rare and relatively unknown autoimmune disease that affects an individual's spinal cord and optic nerves; and

WHEREAS; according to Mayo Clinic, NMOSD occurs when the body's immune system reacts against its own cells and may cause permanent disability, including blindness and paralysis; and

WHEREAS; the cause of NMOSD remains unknown, and testing for diagnosis can be extensive, often requiring physical examinations, laboratory tests, electrophysiology analysis, imaging studies, and other tests; and

WHEREAS; MNOSD is often misdiagnosed, and while increased awareness of NMOSD has helped doctors to better recognize and diagnose the varying manifestations of the disease, more needs to be done to ensure greater awareness in the medical community and general population; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins individuals, advocates, and organizations across the state in raising awareness and understanding of NMOSD to promote research, improve patient care and outcomes, and ultimately find a cure;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim March 2024 as

NEUROMYELITIS OPTICA SPECTRUM DISORDER AWARENESS MONTH

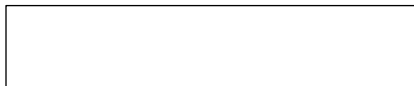
throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance
to all our state's residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 2nd day of February 2024.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State