

# STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

## Proclamation

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

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

*WHEREAS*; testing for NMOSD diagnosis can be extensive, often requiring physical examinations, laboratory tests, electrophysiology analysis, or imaging studies; and

*WHEREAS*; despite advancements in research, treatments for NMOSD remain limited, and the disease is often misdiagnosed, which can lead to exacerbated NMOSD symptoms due to improper treatment; and

*WHEREAS*; 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 dedicated 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;

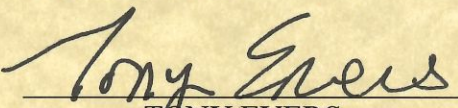
*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim March 2025 as

### NEUROMYELITIS OPTICA SPECTRUM DISORDER AWARENESS MONTH

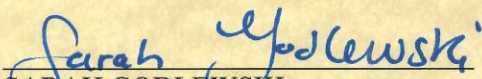
throughout the State of Wisconsin, and I commend this observance to all our state's residents.



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 14th day of February 2025.

  
TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

  
SARAH GODLEWSKI  
Secretary of State