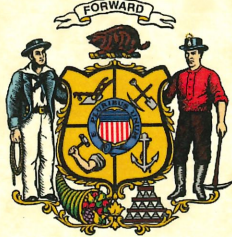


STATE of WISCONSIN



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Proclamation

WHEREAS, Neuromyelitis Optica (NMO) is a rare and relatively unknown autoimmune disease that affects an individual's spinal cord and optic nerves; and

WHEREAS, NMO attacks the central nervous system and can cause lifetime disability, including permanent blindness and paralysis; and

WHEREAS, symptoms may begin in childhood or adulthood, though there is currently no known cause of NMO, nor is there a known cure; and

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

WHEREAS, this Neuromyelitis Optica Awareness Month, the State of Wisconsin joins individuals, advocates, and organizations across our state in increasing awareness and understanding about NMO in order to promote research, improve patient care and outcomes, and to ultimately find a cure;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim March 2020 as

NEUROMYELITIS OPTICA 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 19th day of March 2020.

Tony Evers
TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

Douglas La Follette
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State