

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; NMOSD attacks the central nervous system and can cause permanent disability, including blindness and paralysis; and

WHEREAS; the cause of NMOSD remains unknown, and only three FDA-approved treatments for the disease exist; and

WHEREAS; while symptoms of NMOSD may appear at any age, early detection is key, because when mistaken for other diseases, treatments can exacerbate symptoms; and

WHEREAS; increased awareness of NMOSD has helped doctors to better recognize the varying manifestations of the disease, but 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 our state in raising awareness and understanding of NMOSD in order to promote research, improve patient care and outcomes, and find a cure;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim March 2022 as

NEUROMYELITIS OPTICA SPECTRUM DISORDER AWARENESS MONTH

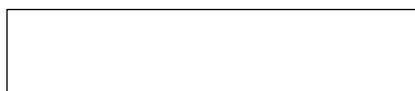
throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance
to all our state's residents.

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 11th day of February 2022.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State