



STATE OF TENNESSEE

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, Neuromyelitis Optica Spectrum Disorder (NMOSD) is a rare and relatively unknown autoimmune disease that currently has no cure; and

**WHEREAS**, NMOSD attacks the central nervous system and can cause lifetime disability, including blindness and/or paralysis; and

**WHEREAS**, the cause of NMOSD is still a mystery and there are a few approved treatments for the majority of patients with NMOSD; but no treatments for the remainder of patients; and

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

**WHEREAS**, increasing awareness about NMOSD has caused diagnoses to rise, as doctors have become more likely to recognize the varying manifestations of the disease; and

**WHEREAS**, the NMOSD community is dedicated to increasing awareness and understanding about this disease in order to promote research, improved patient care, outcomes, and ultimately find a cure;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim March 2022 as

## *Neuromyelitis Optica Spectrum Disorder Awareness Month*

in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this twenty-fourth day of February 2022.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Lee".

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Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, likely belonging to the Secretary of State.

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Secretary of State

