



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 few approved treatments; 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 of this disease in order to promote research, improved patient care, and outcomes, and ultimately a cure;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim March 2023 as

Neuromyelitis Optica Spectrum Disorder 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 sixteenth day of February 2023.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Bill Lee".

Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "J. Douglas".

Secretary of State