



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 permanent 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**, 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 2024 as

*Neuromyelitis Optica 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 fifteenth day of February 2024.

*Bill Lee*

Governor

*Lee Hargrett*

Secretary of State