



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

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 paralysis; and

WHEREAS, the cause of NMOSD is still a mystery and there is currently only three FDA-approved treatments for the disease; and

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

WHEREAS, increased awareness of the disease has allowed doctors to 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 and outcomes so that a cure may ultimately be found;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim March 2022, as

Neuromyelitis Optica Spectrum Disorder Awareness Month

in the state of Alabama.



*Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the
Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the City
of Montgomery on the 18th day of January 2022.*

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor