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, Governor