

Proclamation

by Governor Jim Justice

- 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 permanent blindness and 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; 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 and outcomes, and to ultimately find a cure.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *March 2023* as:

Neuromyelitis Optica Awareness Month

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in this observance.


In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Seventh day of February, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Three, and in the One Hundred Sixtieth year of the State.




Jim Justice
Governor

By the Governor:


Mac Warner
Secretary of State