

State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation

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 a few approved treatments for the majority of patients with NMOSD, but no treatments for the remainder of patients; 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 find a cure.

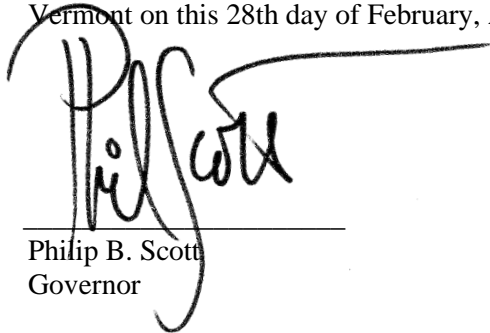
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim March 2023 as

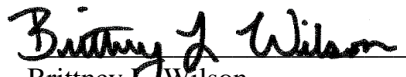
**NEUROMYELITIS OPTICA SPECTRUM DISORDER
AWARENESS MONTH**

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 28th day of February, A.D. 2023.


Philip B. Scott
Governor


Brittney J. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs