

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Neuromyelitis Optica (NMO), also commonly called Devic's disease, is a rare and relatively unknown autoimmune disease that currently has no cure; and

WHEREAS: NMO attacks the central nervous system and can cause permanent disability, including blindness and paralysis; and

WHEREAS: The cause of NMO is still a mystery, and there are currently no 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 NMO 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, ASA HUTCHINSON, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim March 2020, as

NEUROMYELITIS OPTICA AWARENESS MONTH

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 12th day of December, in the year of our Lord 2019.



Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest:

John Thurston, Secretary Of State