

State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER

GOVERNOR

MYELIN OLIGODENDROCYTE GLYCOPROTEIN ANTIBODY-ASSOCIATED DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH

2024

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Myelin oligodendrocyte glycoprotein antibody-associated disease (MOGAD) is a rare and relatively unknown autoimmune disease that currently has no cure; and

WHEREAS, MOGAD attacks the central nervous system and can cause lifetime disability, including blindness and/or paralysis; and

WHEREAS, the cause of MOGAD is still a mystery, and there are currently no FDA-approved treatments for patients with MOGAD; and

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

WHEREAS, increasing awareness about MOGAD has caused diagnoses to rise, as doctors have become more likely to recognize the varying manifestations of the disease; and

WHEREAS, the MOGAD community is dedicated to increasing awareness and understanding of this disease in order to promote research, improve patient care and outcomes, and ultimately find a cure;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim April, 2024, as "MYELIN OLIGODENDROCYTE GLYCOPROTEIN ANTIBODY-ASSOCIATED DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.

SECULAN IBER

Roy Cooper Governor

IN WITN S WHER. F, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleign this twenty-seventh day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-four and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-eighth.