



**The Corporation of the City of Burlington  
Office of the Mayor**

**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.
- Therefore** I, Marianne Meed Ward, Mayor of the City of Burlington do hereby proclaim **March 2024** as

***“Neuromyelitis Optica Spectrum Disorder Awareness Month”***

in the City of Burlington and do commend its thoughtful observance to all citizens of our municipality.

Dated this 13<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024

  
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**Mayor Marianne Meed Ward**

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