



PROCLAMATION

NEUROMYELITIS OPTICA SPECTRUM DISORDER AWARENESS MONTH MARCH 2024

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, Ann Lawlor, Mayor, of the Town of Halton Hills do hereby proclaim March 2024 as **Neuromyelitis Optica Spectrum Disorder Awareness Month**.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ann Lawlor".

Ann Lawlor
Mayor, Town of Halton Hills