PROCLAMATION

Neuromyelitis Optica Spectrum Disorder Awareness Month

WHEREAS: Neuromyelitis Optica Spectrum Disorder (NMOSD) is a rare and relatively unknown autoimmune disease that currently has no cure.

NMOSD attacks the central nervous system and can cause lifetime disability, including blindness and/or paralysis.

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.

When mistaken for other diseases, treatments can exacerbate NMOSD symptoms. Increasing awareness about NMOSD has caused diagnoses to rise, as doctors have become more likely to recognize the varying manifestations of the disease.

The NMOSD community in Brampton 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, Mayor Patrick Brown, on behalf of Brampton City Council, do hereby proclaim March 2024 as “Neuromyelitis Optica Spectrum Disorder Awareness Month” in the City of Brampton.

Mayor Patrick Brown, City of Brampton