



Town Council of Indian Head

Proclamation Neuromyelitis Optica Awareness Month

The Mayor and Council of the Town of Indian Head, proclaim April to be Neuromyelitis Optica Awareness Month.

WHEREAS, Neuromyelitis Optica (NMO), previously known as Devic's disease, is a rare autoimmune disease that primarily affects the eye nerves and spinal cord, and has no known cure; and

WHEREAS, NMO occurs when the body's immune system attacks its own cells, sometimes causing permanent disabilities including blindness and paralysis; and

WHEREAS, the cause of NMO is still largely unknown, and there are currently no FDA-approved treatments for the disease; and

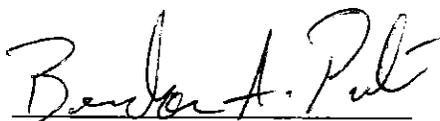
WHEREAS, NMO is often misdiagnosed as a type of Multiple Sclerosis, but it is its own distinct condition; and

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

WHEREAS, the NMO 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;

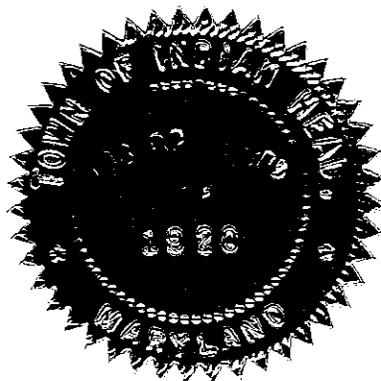
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Mayor and Council of the Town of Indian Head, Maryland do hereby recognize April as Neuromyelitis Optica Awareness Month in the Town of Indian Head, and we call this observance to the attention of our citizens.

Signed this 1st day of May, 2017


Brandon Paulin
Mayor


Ron Sitoula
Vice Mayor


Curtis Smith
Councilman



Attest by:


Andrea Brady
Town Clerk