



WORLD MOGAD DAY

Proclamation

WHEREAS The disease known as MOG (Myelin Oligodendrocyte Glycoprotein Antibody Disease) is an inflammatory demyelinating disease of the central nervous system that is a relatively newly recognized condition first appeared in scientific literature in the late 1980's. A turning point occurred in 2011 when Mader et al. developed an assay that detected antibodies in the blood. Reports about the prevalence of MOGAD in selected MS cases began to appear in 2016. Since that time, global diagnosis of MOGAD has been increasing in children and adults; and

WHEREAS this disease is newly recognized and medical research on MOGAD is woefully underfunded and must be increased to better understand the etiology, pathophysiology and global epidemiology of the disease to diagnose and treat patients worldwide; and

WHEREAS there are no regulatory approved treatments for MOGAD, there is an immediate need for global biopharmaceutical companies to initiate and investigate potential safe and efficacious treatments for patients with the disease; and

WHEREAS this new condition is not well known to the global community of practicing physicians, delivering the latest scientific findings to the healthcare community is necessary to appropriately identify individuals who have the disease. Medical education programs aimed at informing clinicians is key to avoid widespread misdiagnosis of MOGAD; and

WHEREAS individuals with MOGAD have limited information and educational tools to aid them in more fully understanding the disease, new medically-sound programs and materials must be developed and disseminated to patients; and

WHEREAS as new treatments become available for patients with MOGAD, an array of public policies will be needed to ensure patients have access to safe, effective, and affordable treatments and care; and

WHEREAS there are lay and health professional leaders who are at the forefront of MOGAD in their respective countries, these leaders can achieve their goals by coming together in a loosely formed coalition to address the comprehensive needs of this new and emerging field; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that The MOG Project, the preeminent worldwide nonprofit voluntary health organization, proclaims the date of April 5 to be annually established and recognized as WORLD MOGAD Day. Each year, The MOG Project will conduct global activities with and for all stakeholders who are fighting to increase research on MOGAD, ensure patients have up-to-date, medically sound information on the disease, expand biopharma companies' interest in developing safe and effective medications for MOGAD, and establish public policies to support the needs of MOGAD patients.

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