



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The 11th Annual Conquer Chiari Walk Across America event for the Twin Cities chapter of Conquer Chiari will be held this September in Eagan, Minnesota; and
- WHEREAS: Chiari Malformation (CM) affects over 300,000 people in the United States; and
- WHEREAS: Chiari Malformations are defects in the cerebellum, the part of the brain that controls balance. This creates pressure on the cerebellum and brain stem and may block the normal flow of cerebral spinal fluid to and from the brain; and
- WHEREAS: The cause of Chiari Malformation is not completely understood, but scientists believe it is generally a congenital condition from multiple environmental and genetic factors; and
- WHEREAS: Symptoms of Chiari Malformation often appear during adolescence or early adulthood, and can include severe head and neck pain, vertigo, muscle weakness, balance problems, blurred or double vision, difficulty swallowing, and sleep apnea; and
- WHEREAS: Chiari Malformations affect every patient differently. There is no real cure for Chiari Malformation, with many children instead having to undergo many painful surgeries to alleviate symptoms; and
- WHEREAS: The Twin Cities chapter of Conquer Chiari seeks to raise awareness for Chiari Malformation, so families and the general public understand patients' experiences, and are better able to provide support.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2018, as:

CHIARI MALFORMATION AWARENESS MONTH

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 10th day of September.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE