



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

WHEREAS: In September 2015, a walk will be held in Fridley, Minnesota during the annual Conquer Chiari Walk Across America; and

WHEREAS: Chiari Malformation (CM) is a serious neurological disorder estimated to affect over 300,000 people in the United States. First identified by Austrian pathologist, Professor Hans Chiari, in the 1890's, CM is categorized in order of severity: CM types I, II, III, and IV; and

WHEREAS: Chiari Malformation is a defect 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 most commonly a congenital condition from multiple environmental and genetic factors; and

WHEREAS: Symptoms often appear during adolescence or early adulthood and can include severe head and neck pain, vertigo, muscle weakness, balance problems, blurred vision or double vision, difficulty swallowing, and sleep apnea; and

WHEREAS: The National Institutes of Health National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke is conducting research to find alternative surgical options and identify the cause of Chiari Malformation to create improved treatment and prevention plans.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2015, as:

## CHIARI 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 26<sup>th</sup> day of May.

  
GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE