



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Chiari Malformation (CM) is a serious neurological disorder first identified by Austrian pathologist Professor Hans Chiari in the 1890s and affecting well 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, creating pressure on the cerebellum and brain stem which may block the normal flow of cerebral spinal fluid to and from the brain; and
- WHEREAS: The exact cause of Chiari Malformation is unknown, but scientists believe it is either a congenital condition caused by exposure to harmful substances during fetal development or a genetic condition, as it may appear in more than one family member; and
- WHEREAS: Symptoms usually 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 Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke of the National Institutes of Health is conducting research to find alternative surgical options and identify the cause of the malformations to create improved treatment and prevention plans.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2022 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 25th day of August.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Tim Walz".

GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Steve Simon".

SECRETARY OF STATE