



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Chiari Malformation is a serious neurological disorder affecting more than 300,000 people in the United States. Chiari Malformations are defects in the cerebellum, the part of the brain that controls balance, creating pressure on the cerebellum and brain stem that may block the normal flow of cerebral spinal fluid to and from the brain; and
- WHEREAS: The 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 because 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 or double vision, difficulty swallowing, and sleep apnea; and
- WHEREAS: The National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke of the National Institutes of Health conducts research to find alternative surgical options and identify the cause of Chiari Malformation to create improved treatment and prevention plans; and
- WHEREAS: The Annual Conquer Chiari Walk across America will be held in Fridley, Minnesota on September 21, 2013.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2013, 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 26th day of August.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE