

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: The cause of Chiari Malformation (CM) is unknown, but scientists believe it is either a congenital condition caused by exposure to harmful substances during fetal development or that it can be a genetic condition, as it may appear in more than one family member; and

WHEREAS: A CM is a defect of the cerebellum, the part of the brain controlling balance, which creates pressure on the cerebellum and brainstem potentially blocking the flow of cerebrospinal fluid to and from the brain; and

WHEREAS: Chiari Malformation is estimated to affect 1 in every 1,000 people; 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 Strokes of the National Institutes of Health 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, ASA HUTCHINSON, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim September 2017, as

CHIARI MALFORMATION AWARENESS MONTH

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 11th day of April, in the year of our Lord 2017.




Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest:


Mark Martin, Secretary Of State