

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 serious neurological disorder where the cerebellum, the part of the brain controlling balance, descends out of the skull and crowds the spinal cord, 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 over 300,000 people in the United States; 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: To date, research on Chiari Malformation leaves fundamental questions regarding its underlying cause, diagnosis, and treatment unanswered;

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 2019, 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 22nd day of July, in the year of our Lord 2019.




Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest:


John Thurston, Secretary Of State