



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

CHIARI MALFORMATION AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS: Chiari Malformation, often referred to as CM, is a condition in which the lower portion of the brain (the cerebellar tonsils) descends into the upper cervical (neck) region; and

WHEREAS: The condition can result in a wide variety of symptoms such as coordination problems, muscle weakness, vision and swallowing difficulties, and/or severe headaches; and

WHEREAS: The need for widespread awareness and understanding for Chiari is critical for meaningful research to continue so that the quality of lives is improved and a cure can be found; and

WHEREAS: Many organizations, such as the Georgia chapter of The American Syringomyelia & Chiari Alliance Project, Inc., the oldest non-profit organization for Chiari and Syringomyelia, celebrate September as the official month for Chiari Awareness and strive to provide support, fund research, and educate the public on the devastating condition; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 2015 as CHIARI MALFORMATION AWARENESS MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 28th day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand fifteen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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