

STATE OF MICHIGAN



Executive
Office

Jennifer M. Granholm
Governor

CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION

On behalf of the citizens of Michigan, I, Governor Jennifer M. Granholm,
do hereby proclaim the month of September, 2007, as

Chiari Malformation Month

Whereas, Chiari malformations (CMs) are defects in the cerebellum, the part of the brain that controls balance, and creates pressure on the cerebellum and brainstem which may block the flow of cerebrospinal fluid to and from the brain; and,

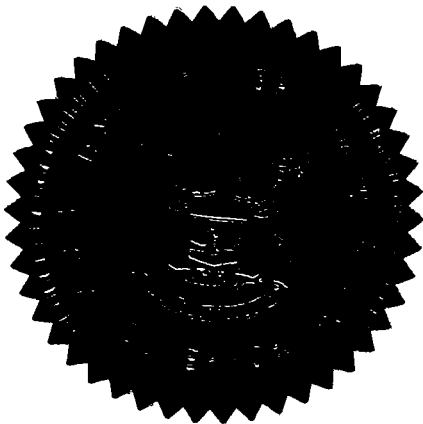
Whereas, The condition was first identified by German pathologist, Professor Hans Chiari, in the 1890's who categorized the CMs in order of severity: types I, II, III, and IV; and,

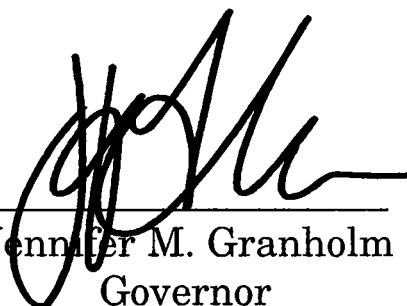
Whereas, The cause of Chiari I malformations are unknown but scientists believe it is either a congenital condition caused by exposure to harmful substances during fetal development or that it could be a genetic condition as it may appear in more than one member of a family; and,

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 is conducting research to find alternative surgical options and identify the cause of the CMs to create improved treatment and prevention plans; and now therefore be it,

Resolved, That I, Jennifer M. Granholm, Governor of the State of Michigan, do hereby proclaim September 2007, as Chiari Malformation Awareness Month in Michigan, and I encourage all citizens to learn more about this disease and to recognize the importance of finding a cure.




Jennifer M. Granholm
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