STATE of WISCONSIN

OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS, in September 2019, activists in Madison, Wisconsin will host an annual Conquer Chiari Walk Across America; and

WHEREAS, Chiari malformation is a serious neurological disorder affecting well over 300,000 people in the United States, first identified by Austrian pathologist Professor Hans Chiari in the 1890s and categorized in order of severity by Chiari malformation types 0, 1, 1.5, 2, 3 and 4; and

WHEREAS, Chiari malformations are defects in the cerebellum, the part of the brain that controls balance, creating pressure on the cerebellum and brain stem and possibly blocking the normal flow of cerebral spinal fluid to and from the brain; and

WHEREAS, the cause of Chiari malformations 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 could 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 vision 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 malformation's to create improved treatment and prevention plans;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim September 2019 as

CHIARI MALFORMATION AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all our citizens.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 30th day of July 2019.

Tony Evers
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

Douglas La Follette
Secretary of State