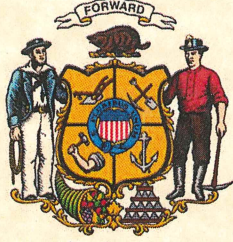


# STATE of WISCONSIN



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## 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 30<sup>th</sup> day of July 2019.

*Tony Evers*

TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

*Douglas La Follette*  
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State