

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, chiari malformation is a serious neurological disorder affecting more than 300,000 people in the United States; and

WHEREAS, chiari malformations are defects in the cerebellum, the part of the brain that controls balance, which create pressure on the cerebellum and brain stem and may block the normal flow of cerebral spinal fluid to and from the brain; 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, greater public awareness and education with regard to the treatment and ongoing care for persons with chiari malformation are critical to improving the quality of life for chiari patients.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 2013 as

CHIARI MALFORMATION AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to raise awareness of the need for continued research into the cause of the malformations and the creation of improved treatment and prevention plans for this complex and debilitating disorder.



NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA