

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

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

**WHEREAS,** chiari malformations are structural defects in the cerebellum, the part of the brain that controls balance; and

**WHEREAS,** while the cause of chiari malformation is unknown, symptoms usually appear during adolescence or early adulthood; 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 2016 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 disorder.



**NIKKI R. HALEY**  
**GOVERNOR**  
**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**