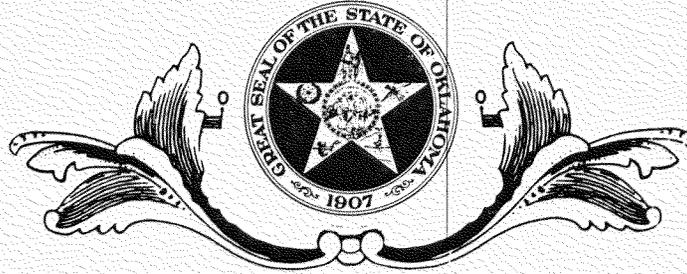


STATE OF OKLAHOMA



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, first identified by Austrian pathologist Professor Hans Chiari in the 1890s, Chiari Malformation is a serious neurological disorder categorized in order of severity: CM types I, II, III, and IV; and

Whereas, Chiari Malformation is a defect in the cerebellum, the part of the brain that controls balance and coordination, creating pressure on the cerebellum and brain stem restricting the 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, the cause of Chiari Malformation is unknown, the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, believe that it is either a congenital condition caused by exposure to harmful substances during fetal development or that can be a genetic condition, as it may appear in more than one family member; and

Whereas, research is being conducted to find alternative surgical options and to identify the causes of the malformations;

Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor, do hereby proclaim September 2015 as

“Chiari Malformation Awareness Month”

in the state of Oklahoma.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed.



Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma City, this 1st day of September, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and fifteen, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred and seventh year.

ATTEST:

Chris Meusi
Assistant SECRETARY OF STATE

Mary Fallin
GOVERNOR

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