



# PROCLAMATION

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**WHEREAS:** Chiari Malformations are defects in the cerebellum, the part of the brain that controls balance and coordination. The defects create pressure on the cerebellum and brain stem, restricting 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:** The cause of Chiari Malformation is unknown; however, scientists 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:** The National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke is conducting research to find solutions to Chiari Malformation and identify its cause to create improved treatment and prevention plans; and

**WHEREAS:** Chiari Malformation Awareness Month is an opportunity to increase awareness about the signs and symptoms of this disorder and support research efforts to find additional treatments.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY,** by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim September 2019 as

## CHIARI MALFORMATION AWARENESS MONTH

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to raise awareness of this neurological disorder and support of organizations working to improve the quality of life of those affected.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of August in the year Two Thousand Nineteen

*Lenny Curry*

MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA