



September 2021

Chiari Malformation Awareness Month

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Whereas, in September 2021, there will be walks held across the country for the annual 'Conquer Chiari Walk Across America', including one in the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia; and

Whereas, Chiari Malformation (CM) 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 1890's and categorized in order of severity: CM 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. This creates pressure on the cerebellum and brain stem and may block the normal flow of cerebral spinal fluid to and from the brain; and

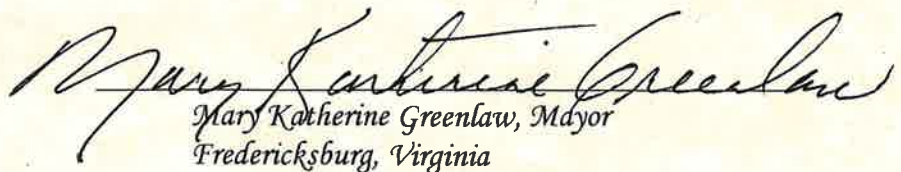
Whereas, the cause of Chiari Malformation is unknown, but scientists believe it is either a congenital condition caused by exposure to harmful substances during fetal development or that it can be a genetic condition, as it may appear in more than one family member; and

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, Mary Katherine Greenlaw, Mayor of the City of Fredericksburg, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby recognize and encourage everyone to participate in the annual Conquer Chiari Walk Across America to be held on September 18th in the City of Fredericksburg and proclaim September, 2021 to be:

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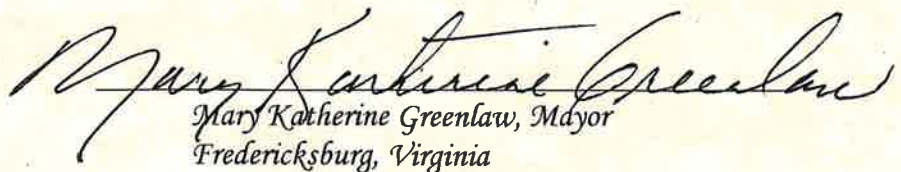
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