

Proclamation

Chiari Malformation Awareness Month September, 2014

Whereas: September is known as Chiari Malformation Awareness month and the Canadian Chiari Association provides awareness and support for people of all ages.

Chiari Malformation (CM) is a serious neurological condition where the bottom portion of the brain, the cerebellum, protrudes out of the skull, placing pressure on the spinal cord, disrupting the flow of cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) to the brain, thus putting pressure on the brain and spinal cord, causing pain, and life-threatening neurological symptoms.

Chiari Malformations are more common than many people think. Many people are often misdiagnosed and unaware they have the condition until an injury occurs, or, experience severe headaches which cause the patient to seek medical assistance. Approximately 1 in 1000 people have Chiari Malformations.

Through fund raising, proper education, awareness and research, many advances are being made on a daily basis. It is our hope that Chiari Malformation will finally receive the attention, care and awareness it deserves as a serious neurological disorder.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, I, Mayor Mike Savage, on behalf of members of Halifax Regional Council, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2014 as "Chiari Malformation Awareness Month".

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia this 16th day of September, 2014

Original Signed

Mike Savage Mayor