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SENATE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, SEPTEMBER 28, 2023

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of September 2023 as "Chiari Malformation
2 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, In September, there will be a walk in Pennsylvania
4 during the annual Conquer Chiari Walk Across America; and

5 WHEREAS, Chiari Malformation (CM) is a serious neurological
6 disorder affecting more than 300,000 people in the United
7 States, first identified by Austrian pathologist Professor Hans
8 Chiari in the 1890s and categorized in order of severity by CM
9 types 0, 1, 1.5, 2, 3 and 4; and

10 WHEREAS, Chiari Malformations are defects in the cerebellum,
11 the part of the brain that controls balance creating pressure on
12 the cerebellum and brain stem that may block the normal flow of
13 cerebral spinal fluid to and from the brain; and

14 WHEREAS, The cause of CM is unknown, but scientists believe
15 the cause is either a congenital condition caused by exposure to
16 harmful substances during fetal development or a genetic
17 condition that may appear in more than one family member; and

1 WHEREAS, Symptoms of CM usually appear during adolescence or
2 early adulthood and can include severe head and neck pain,
3 vertigo, muscle weakness, balance problems, blurred vision or
4 double vision, difficulty swallowing and sleep apnea; and

5 WHEREAS, The National Institute of Neurological Disorders and
6 Stroke of the National Institutes of Health is conducting
7 research to find alternative surgical options and identify the
8 cause of the malformation's to create improved treatment and
9 prevention plans; therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of September
11 2023 as "Chiari Malformation Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.