



# The City of Minneapolis

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## A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL

**By B. Johnson, Reich, Gordon, Frey, Yang, Warsame,  
Goodman, Glidden, Cano, Bender, Quincy, A. Johnson, and Palmisano**

### **Recognizing Chiari Malformation Awareness Day in the City of Minneapolis**

**WHEREAS**, Chiari Malformation is defined as a neurological disorder where the cerebellum tonsils (part of the brain) descend out of the skull into the spinal area. This results in compression of parts of the brain and spinal cord, disrupting the normal flow of cerebrospinal fluid and causing chronic pain; and

**WHEREAS**, The most common symptom of Chiari is described as an intense pressure in the back of the head and is brought on, or aggravated by, exercise, straining, coughing, sneezing, laughing, bending over, or similar activities; and

**WHEREAS**, Other common symptoms include balance problems and fullness in the ears. In very young children, trouble swallowing is one of the most frequent symptoms; and

**WHEREAS**, Chiari Malformation affects more than 300,000 people in the US; and

**WHEREAS**, The Conquer Chiari Walk Across America is a series of local awareness and fundraising walks held on the same day, September 17, uniting patients and their families across the country; and

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by The City Council of The City of Minneapolis,**

That September 17th, 2016, be recognized as Chiari Malformation Awareness Day in the City of Minneapolis, and that the 35W Bridge be lit purple on this day.

Passed, this August 19th, 2016

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Barbara Johnson, President of the Council

Approved:

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Betsy Hodges, Mayor

Attest:

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Casey Carl, City Clerk