



STATE OF NEW MEXICO EXECUTIVE OFFICE SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Dandy-Walker Alliance, Inc. maintains a chapter in New Mexico and is the only national organization focusing on promoting the public good and to support education, informational activities and non-partisan research that increases public awareness of the congenital birth defect known as Dandy-Walker Syndrome; and

WHEREAS, Dandy-Walker Syndrome is the most common congenital malformation of the cerebellum and its causes are largely unknown. Between 10,000 and 40,000 people have Dandy-Walker Syndrome in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the incidence of Dandy-Walker Syndrome is at least 1 case per every 25,000 to 35,000 live births, however this is likely a significant underestimate because of difficulties diagnosing the syndrome and may affect as many as 1 in 5000 live born infants; and

WHEREAS, we should all learn about Dandy-Walker Syndrome and Hydrocephalus and recognize the achievements of all Americans with a disability, the important role that disabled Americans played throughout the entire history of the United States, and the scientific, literary, and social impact of disabled Americans on our World today;

NOW, THEREFORE I, Bill Richardson, Governor of the State of New Mexico, do hereby proclaim May, 2010 as:

“Dandy-Walker Syndrome & Hydrocephalus Awareness Month”

throughout the State of New Mexico.

Attest:


Mary Herrera
Secretary of State

Done at the Executive Office this
22nd day of April, 2010.



Witness my hand and the Great Seal
of the Great State of New Mexico


Bill Richardson
Governor