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[Governor Name]
Office of the Governor
[Street Address]

[City, State, ZIP]

Honorable Governor [Governor’s Last Name Here],

We are writing to respectfully ask for a proclamation declaring May 2023 as **Dandy-Walker Syndrome and Hydrocephalus Awareness Month** in [Your State].

This year, hundreds of thousands of people across the United States will observe the 17th **Dandy-Walker Syndrome and Hydrocephalus Awareness Month** to raise awareness of this congenital brain defect and condition as well as the special challenges encountered by those affected. We respectfully ask you to proclaim May 2023 **Dandy-Walker Syndrome and Hydrocephalus Awareness Month** in [Your State] on the basis that:

WHEREAS, Dandy-Walker Malformation is a congenital birth defect of the brain estimated to occur in 1 case per every 10,000 live births; however, this is likely a significant underestimate because of difficulties diagnosing the syndrome.

WHEREAS, Patients with Dandy-Walker Malformation present with developmental delay, enlarged head circumference, or signs and symptoms of hydrocephalus; causing pain and trauma for those with the disease and their families; and

WHEREAS, The Dandy-Walker Alliance, Inc., a United States non-profit organization, is the only international organization dedicated to raising public awareness about this disease through education, informational activities, and funding research; and

WHEREAS, [Your State] encourages all Americans to learn about Dandy-Walker and hydrocephalus and recognize the achievements of all Americans with a disability, the important role that Americans with disabilities played throughout the entire history of the United States and the wonderful scientific, literary, and social impact that Americans living with a disability have on our world today.

Thank you for considering this request, for supporting those individuals living with developmentally disabilities in [Your State] and supporting programs for this already vulnerable population. Your action on behalf of families like mine and those we represent means so much.

Very respectfully,

**[Your Name]**[Insert Your Address/Contact Info here]