

January 11, 2018

Dear

As a concerned citizen I would like to request that you - along with Mayors, Representatives, Senators, and Governors from across the United States, issue a proclamation declaring May 19 as "Schizencephaly Awareness Day. As you may, or may not, know the Senate voted unanimously to appoint May 19<sup>th</sup> as a National Schizencephaly Awareness Day in 2015.

Schizencephaly is an extremely rare developmental birth defect characterized by abnormal slits, or clefts, in the brain.

Families, friends, and volunteers are joining *We are R.A.R.E.*, a nonprofit organization, to promote May 19 as Schizencephaly Awareness Day. These efforts will improve the quality of life for people with Schizencephaly by increasing the awareness of this medical condition among the public, media, government, and medical communities.

I am enclosing a fact sheet containing more information about Schizencephaly and *We Are R.A.R.E.*.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and approval of our request. Your help will be greatly appreciated by everyone who is affected by or caring for someone affected by Schizencephaly.

Sincerely,