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“Hydrocephalus Awareness Month”

Hydrocephalus is a serious neurological condition, characterized by the abnormal buildup of cerebrospinal fluids in the ventricles of the brain. There is no known cure for hydrocephalus, which affects an estimated one million Americans.

One or two in every 1,000 babies are born with hydrocephalus, and over 375,000 older Americans have hydrocephalus, which often goes undetected or is misdiagnosed as dementia, Alzheimer’s disease, or Parkinson’s disease.

The standard treatment for hydrocephalus was developed in 1952, and carries multiple risks including shunt failure, infection, and overdrainage. There are fewer than 10 centers in the United States specializing in the treatment of adults with normal pressure hydrocephalus. Each year the people of the United States spend in excess of one billion dollars to treat hydrocephalus.

With appropriate diagnosis and treatment people with hydrocephalus are able to live full and productive lives.

I, therefore, move that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles do hereby proclaim the month of September 2012 as “Hydrocephalus Awareness Month,” in an effort to raise awareness about this debilitating condition, treatment options, and the hope it offers among the County’s ten million residents and others across the nation.

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