

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

CONGENITAL DIAPHRAGMATIC HERNIA AWARENESS MONTH

APRIL 2025

WHEREAS, a congenital diaphragmatic hernia (CDH) is a birth defect that occurs during fetal development when the diaphragm fails to fully form creating a hole in the diaphragm, allowing abdominal organs to migrate through the hole into the chest cavity and, ultimately, may cause the lungs to be small and underdeveloped; and

WHEREAS, one in every 2,500 pregnancies are diagnosed with CDH; and

WHEREAS, CDH International is a 501(c)III charity organization that was created to help families affected by CDH; and

WHEREAS, there are many people living in North Dakota who have been diagnosed with and survived their CDH; tragically, many families in North Dakota have endured the horrible pain and grief associated with the loss of loved ones with CDH; and

WHEREAS, those with CDH often endure multiple surgeries and possible medical complications beyond their diagnosis that include heart defects, pulmonary complications, gastric and intestinal problems and developmental delays, and may require respiratory and medicinal support for years.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim
April 2025, CONGENITAL DIAPHRAGMATIC HERNIA AWARENESS MONTH in
the State of North Dakota.




Kelly Armstrong
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:


Michael Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE