



Proclamation

WHEREAS, a congenital diaphragmatic hernia (CDH) is a life-threatening birth defect that occurs during fetal development which causes a hole in an infant's diaphragm and may result in small and underdeveloped lungs; and

WHEREAS, since the year 2000, an estimated 700,000 babies worldwide have been born with CDH; and

WHEREAS, in the United States, 1,600 newborns are affected by CDH every year with only about half surviving past infancy; and

WHEREAS, CDH symptoms may include difficulty breathing, rapid heart rate, abnormal chest and/or abdomen development; and

WHEREAS, children with CDH often endure multiple surgeries and possible medical complications, which can include heart defects, pulmonary complications, gastric and intestinal problems, developmental delays, and may require respiratory and medicinal support for years; and

WHEREAS, routine prenatal care may help to diagnose CDH early and identify treatment options and postnatal care;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim April 2020 as

“CONGENITAL DIAPHRAGMATIC HERNIA AWARENESS MONTH”

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join me in raising awareness of this relatively unknown disease to help promote research and medical advances and support for CDH patients and their families.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this ninth day of March 2020.



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i