



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia (CDH) occurs when a baby's diaphragm fails to fully form, resulting in the movement of abdominal organs into the chest cavity and preventing lung growth; and

WHEREAS, CDH is a birth defect with no known cause or prevention; and

WHEREAS, CDH has a high rate of mortality with roughly 50 percent of babies born with CDH surviving after birth; and

WHEREAS, about one in every 2,500 newborns in the United States are affected by CDH; and

WHEREAS, CDH requires immediate care at delivery so early and accurate diagnosis is vital; and

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

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim April 2021 as

"CONGENITAL DIAPHRAGMATIC HERNIA AWARENESS MONTH"

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join me in raising awareness of CDH and the need for more medical research and advances to help bring about support and hope for affected families.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this fifth day of March 2021.



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i