



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: One in every 2,500 pregnancies is diagnosed with a congenital diaphragmatic hernia (CDH); and

WHEREAS: Approximately 500,000 babies have been born with CDH since 2000; and

WHEREAS: Only 50 percent of those babies survived; and

WHEREAS: CDH is as common as spina bifida and cystic fibrosis; however very few people know about it or are aware of it; and

WHEREAS: 1,600 babies are born with CDH every year in the United States; and

WHEREAS: There are many people living in Minnesota who have been diagnosed with and have survived CDH; although many families in Minnesota have endured the horrible pain and grief associated with the loss of loved ones with CDH; and

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

WHEREAS: Raising awareness of this congenital defect will help bring about acceptance and support for those suffering with CDH and will help advocate for urgently needed medical research and advances.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of April, 2017, as:

CONGENITAL DIAPHRAGMATIC HERNIA AWARENESS MONTH

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 31st day of March.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE