



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: A Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia is an opening in the diaphragm that allows the abdominal organs to push into the chest cavity; and
- WHEREAS: Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernias are often life-threatening birth defects because they limit the growth of the lungs; and
- WHEREAS: A Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia occurs in every 1 in 2,000 live births in the United States; and
- WHEREAS: Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernias account for 8% of all major congenital anomalies; and
- WHEREAS: Proactive diagnosis and appropriate management of fetuses with congenital diaphragmatic hernias minimize the incidence of emergency situations, dramatically improving survival rates; and
- WHEREAS: There is a need for increased public awareness of congenital diaphragmatic hernias; and
- WHEREAS: Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Awareness Day provides an opportunity for families whose lives have been affected to celebrate life and to remember loved ones lost, to honor dedicated health professionals, and to meet others and know they are not alone; and
- WHEREAS: Groups such as Breath of Hope, Inc. are working to promote public awareness and encourage research efforts to one day prevent or successfully treat all those diagnosed with a congenital diaphragmatic hernia; and
- WHEREAS: Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Awareness Day provides the opportunity for families affected to share experiences and information with one another and the public in order to raise public awareness about the Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia birth defect.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim March 31, 2012 as:

CONGENITAL DIAPHRAGMATIC HERNIA AWARENESS DAY

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 12th day of March.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE