



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: A Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia (CDH) 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: CDH occurs in 1 in every 2,500 live births in the United States, and such hernias account for 8 percent of all major congenital birth defects; and
- WHEREAS: Since 2000, an estimated 500,000 babies worldwide have been born with CDH; however, approximately one-half do not survive; and
- WHEREAS: Proactive diagnosis and appropriate management of fetuses with CDH minimize the incidence of emergency situations and dramatically improve survival rates; and
- WHEREAS: There is a need for increased public awareness of CDH, which occurs as commonly as spina bifida and cystic fibrosis, but is less well known; and
- WHEREAS: Those with CDH sometimes endure multiple surgeries and medical complications beyond their diagnosis, including heart defects, pulmonary complications, gastric and intestinal problems, respiratory problems, and developmental delays; and
- WHEREAS: A Day of Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Awareness provides an opportunity for families whose lives have been affected by CDH to share experiences and information, to raise public awareness, to celebrate life and to remember loved ones lost, to honor dedicated health professionals, and to meet others and know they are not alone.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim April 19, 2013 as a:

DAY OF CONGENITAL DIAPHRAGMATIC HERNIA AWARENESS

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 5th day of April.


GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE