



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS:** Since 2000, it is estimated that over 500,000 babies have been born with Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia (CDH), and only 50 percent of those babies survived; and
- WHEREAS:** CDH is as common as spina bifida and cystic fibrosis, however, few people are aware of it or know about it; and
- WHEREAS:** 1,600 babies are born with CDH every year in the United States, with an estimated 20 babies born in Minnesota each year; and
- WHEREAS:** There are many people living in Minnesota who have been diagnosed with CDH and survived; and
- WHEREAS:** 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 endure multiple surgeries and medical complications beyond their diagnosis, including heart defects, pulmonary complications, gastric and intestinal problems, and developmental delays; and
- WHEREAS:** Raising awareness of this congenital defect will help bring about acceptance and support for those suffering from CDH, and promote urgently needed medical research.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Saturday, April 19, 2014, 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 31st day of March.


GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE