



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

CONGENITAL DIAPHRAGMATIC HERNIA AWARENESS DAY

2017

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

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

WHEREAS, since 2000, it is estimated that only 50 percent of the more than 500,000 babies born with CDH survived; and

WHEREAS, CDH is as common as spina bifida and cystic fibrosis—1,600 babies are born with CDH every year in the United States; however, very few people are aware of the condition; and

WHEREAS, while there are many people living in North Carolina who have been diagnosed with and survived CDH, there are also many families enduring the horrible pain and grief associated with the loss of loved ones with CDH; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 900 families affected by CDH living in the state of North Carolina who are members of the charity CHERUBS, a North Carolina 501(c)(3) which helps families affected by CDH; and

WHEREAS, those with CDH often endure multiple surgeries and possible medical complications beyond their diagnosis—including 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 from it, and will help advocate for urgently needed medical research and advances;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 19, 2017, as “**CONGENITAL DIAPHRAGMATIC HERNIA AWARENESS DAY**” in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.




Roy Cooper
Governor

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this thirteenth day of April in the year of our Lord two-thousand and seventeen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-first.