



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

CONGENITAL DIAPHRAGMATIC HERNIA AWARENESS MONTH

2019

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, a congenital diaphragmatic hernia (CDH) is a birth defect that occurs during fetal development and causes a hole in an infant's diaphragm, allowing organs to migrate through the hole and crowd the abdomen, which can ultimately cause the infant's lungs to be small and underdeveloped; and

WHEREAS, approximately 1 in 2,500 babies is diagnosed with CDH; and

WHEREAS, more than 1,600 newborns are affected by CDH every year in the United States, with only about half surviving past infancy; and

WHEREAS, CDH is as common as spina bifida and cystic fibrosis but is not as well-known; and

WHEREAS, those with CDH often endure multiple surgeries and possible medical complications, and may require respiratory and medicinal support for years; these complications can include heart defects, pulmonary issues, gastric and intestinal problems, and developmental delays; and

WHEREAS, raising awareness can increase acceptance and support for those suffering with CDH and their families, and bring attention to the urgent need for research and medical advances to prevent and treat this birth defect;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim April, 2019, as "**CONGENITAL DIAPHRAGMATIC HERNIA AWARENESS MONTH**" 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 twenty-fifth day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand and nineteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-second.