



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**CONGENITAL DIAPHRAGMATIC HERNIA AWARENESS MONTH**

**2020**

**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 chest cavity, 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, which can include pulmonary complications, gastric and intestinal problems, developmental delays, and may require respiratory and medicinal support for years; and

**WHEREAS**, raising awareness can help 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, 2020, as "**CONGENITAL DIAPHRAGMATIC HERNIA AWARENESS MONTH**" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



  
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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-fourth day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-fourth.