



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia occurs when a baby's diaphragm fails to fully form, allowing abdominal organs into the chest cavity and preventing lung growth; and

WHEREAS, about one in every 2,200 births are diagnosed with a congenital diaphragmatic hernia (CDH) in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, there are many people living in Tennessee who have been diagnosed with and have survived their CDH, although many families in Tennessee 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 possible medical complications beyond their diagnosis that include 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 with it and will help advocate for urgently needed medical research and advances;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2024 as

*Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia
Awareness Month*

in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this thirteenth day of March, 2024.

Bill Lee

Governor

Julie Hargis

Secretary of State