



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

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

WHEREAS, proactive diagnosis and appropriate perinatal management of babies with congenital diaphragmatic hernias minimizes the incidence of emergency situations, dramatically improving survival rates; and

WHEREAS, although CDH is as common as spina bifida and cystic fibrosis, there is a need for increased public awareness of congenital diaphragmatic hernias; and

WHEREAS, 1,600 babies are born with CDH every year in the United States each year; and

WHEREAS, there are many people living in Tennessee who have been diagnosed with and have survived their CDH; many other families have endured the 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 Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the month of April, 2017 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 ninth day of January, 2017.

Handwritten signature of Bill Haslam in blue ink.

Governor

Handwritten signature of Sue Parrett in blue ink.

Secretary of State

