



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

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

WHEREAS, around one in every 2,500 live births are diagnosed with a congenital diaphragmatic hernia (CDH); and

WHEREAS, those with CDH often endure multiple surgeries and 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 March 2023 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 twenty-seventh day of February 2023.



Handwritten signature of Bill Lee in blue ink.

Governor

Handwritten signature of Joe Ransett in blue ink.

Secretary of State