



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 treatment of unborn 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; 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 complication 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 April 19, 2014, as

*Congenital Diaphragmatic
Hernia Awareness Day*

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 fifteenth day of January, 2014.

Bill Haslam

Governor

Lu Hargett

Secretary of State

