

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

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

**WHEREAS,** since 2000, it is estimated that over 500,000 babies worldwide have been born with CDH, however, only 50 percent of those babies survived; and

**WHEREAS,** CDH is as common as spina bifida and cystic fibrosis, however, very few people know about it or are aware of it; and

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

**WHEREAS,** there are many people living in Vermont who have been diagnosed with and have survived their CDH, although many families in Vermont 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 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, Philip B. Scott, Governor, do hereby proclaim April 2017 as

**CONGENITAL DIAPHRAGMATIC HERNIA AWARENESS  
MONTH**

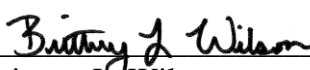
in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 6th day of April, A.D. 2017.



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Philip B. Scott  
Governor



  
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Brittney L. Wilson  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs