

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

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

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

WHEREAS, there are many people living in Vermont who have been diagnosed with and have survived their CDH, many families in Vermont have endured the horrible pain and grief associated with the loss of loved ones with CDH; and

WHEREAS, CDH International is a 501(c)III organization created to help families affected by 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

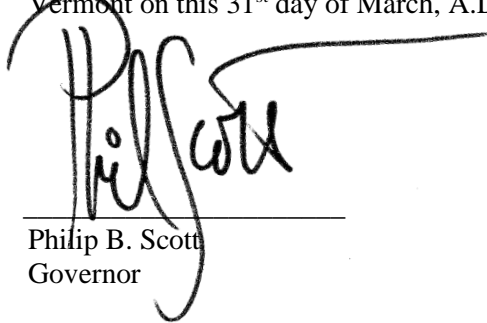
WHEREAS, raising awareness of this congenital defect will help bring about acceptance and support for those suffering with it and will help advocate for urgently needed medical research and advances.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim April 2023 as

**CONGENITAL DIAPHRAGMATIC HERNIA
AWARENESS MONTH**

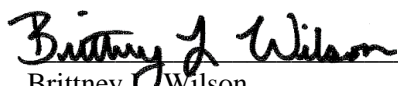
in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 31st day of March, A.D. 2023.



Philip B. Scott
Governor




Brittney L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs