

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, CDH is as common as Spina Bifida and Cystic Fibrosis; however, very few people know about it or are aware of it; 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 charity that is a 501(c)3 organization created to help families affected by CDH; and

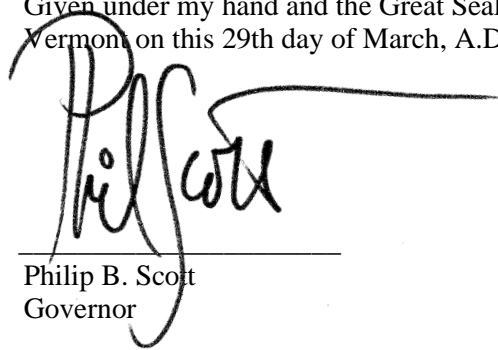
WHEREAS, those with CDH often endure multiple surgeries and possible medical complications beyond their diagnosis that include heart defects, pulmonary complications, gastric and intestinal problems, developmental delays, and may require respiratory and medicinal support for years; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim April 2024 as

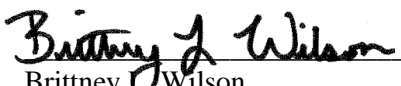
CONGENITAL DIAPHRAGMATIC HERNIA AWARENESS MONTH
in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 29th day of March, A.D. 2024.



Philip B. Scott
Governor




Brittney J. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs