



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

CONGENITAL DIAPHRAGMATIC HERNIA AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS:** One in every 2,500 pregnancies are diagnosed with a congenital diaphragmatic hernia (CDH), and 1,600 babies are born with CDH in the United States each year; and
- WHEREAS:** Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia 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, but very few people know about it or are aware of it; and
- WHEREAS:** Since 2000, it is estimated that over 700,000 babies have been born with CDH; however, only 50 percent of those babies survived; 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:** There are many people living in Georgia who have been diagnosed with and have survived their CDH, although many families in Georgia have endured the horrible pain and grief associated with the loss of loved ones with CDH; 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, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 2022 as CONGENITAL DIAPHRAGMATIC HERNIA AWARENESS MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 9th day of February in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.



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GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Marlene Kipertich

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