

WHEREAS; according to Cleveland Clinic, congenital diaphragmatic hernia (CDH) occurs during fetal development when the diaphragm does not fully form, and as a result, abdominal organs can enter into the chest cavity and prevent lung growth; and

WHEREAS; Cleveland Clinic further states that CDH affects one in 2,500 to 3,500 live births every year in the United States, including many in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS; individuals with CDH often endure multiple surgeries and can experience medical complications, which can include pulmonary complications, gastric and intestinal problems, and developmental delays, and may require ongoing respiratory and medicinal support; and

WHEREAS; while the cause of CDH is unknown, raising awareness of CDH will help bring about acceptance and support for those living with the condition and help affected families advocate for urgently needed medical research and advances; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin recognizes the families throughout the state that have endured the grief and pain associated with the loss of a loved one with CDH and joins individuals, advocates, and organizations across Wisconsin in increasing awareness of the condition, promoting research, and working towards improved patient care and outcomes;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim April 2024 as

## **CONGENITAL DIAPHRAGMATIC HERNIA AWARENESS MONTH**

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance  
to all our state's residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 11th day of March 2024.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State