

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 the chest cavity and prevent lung growth; and

WHEREAS; further, CDH affects roughly one in every 2,500 to 3,500 live births in the United States, including many in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS; often enduring multiple surgeries, individuals with CDH can experience medical complications and may require ongoing respiratory and medicinal support; and

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

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin recognizes the families across 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 2026 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 21st day of April 2026.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State