STATE of WISCONSIN

OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS, a congenital diaphragmatic hernia (CDH) is a birth defect that occurs during fetal development and creates a hole in an infant’s diaphragm, allowing organs to migrate through the hole and crowd the chest cavity, potentially causing the infant’s lungs to be small and underdeveloped; and

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, approximately one in 3,600 newborns are affected by CDH; and

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

WHEREAS, this Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Awareness Month, the State of Wisconsin joins individuals, advocates, and organizations across our state in increasing awareness of this congenital defect in order to promote research, improve patient care and outcomes, and to encourage additional research and medical advances;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim April 2020 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 19th day of March 2020.

TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

[Signature]

the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State