

WHEREAS; congenital diaphragmatic hernia (CDH) is a rare, genetically inherited abnormality that occurs during fetal development when a baby's diaphragm fails to fully form, allowing abdominal organs into the chest cavity and preventing lung growth; and

WHEREAS; approximately 1,600 babies are born with CDH in the United States every year, including many in Wisconsin; and

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

WHEREAS; despite advances in science and medicine, the mortality rate for CDH remains high and CDH continues to receive very little awareness and understanding compared to comparable conditions; and

WHEREAS; 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; there are many people living in Wisconsin who have been diagnosed with and have survived their CDH, although we recognize that many families across our state have endured the horrible pain and grief associated with the loss of a loved one with CDH; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins individuals, advocates, and organizations across our state in increasing awareness of congenital diaphragmatic hernia, 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 2021 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 17<sup>th</sup> day of March 2021.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State