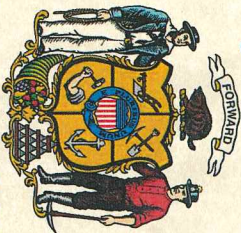


# STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

*Proclamation*

WHEREAS, a congenital diaphragmatic hernia (CDH) is a birth defect that occurs during fetal development causing a hole in an infant's diaphragm, allowing organs to migrate through the hole and crowding the abdomen, and ultimately may cause the infant's lungs to be small and underdeveloped; and

WHEREAS, since the year 2000, an estimated 700,000 babies worldwide have been born with CDH; and  
WHEREAS, 2,500 newborns are affected by CDH in the United States every year with only about half surviving past infancy, yet CDH is not well-known to the general public; and

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

WHEREAS, raising awareness of this congenital defect will help bring about acceptance for those suffering with CDH and their families and will increase support for research and medical advances;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim April 2019 as

## CONGENITAL DIAPHRAGMATIC HERNIA AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all of our citizens.

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 15<sup>th</sup> day of February 2019.

*Tony Evers*

TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Govern

*Douglas Follette*  
DOUGLAS FOLLETTE  
Secretary