



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

COGENITAL DIAPHRAGMATIC HERNIA AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS:** Congenital diaphragmatic hernia (CDH) occurs when the diaphragm, the muscle that separates the chest from the abdomen, fails to close during prenatal development. This opening allows contents of the abdomen to migrate into the chest cavity, preventing the growth and development of the lungs; and
- WHEREAS:** CDH is one of the most common major congenital anomalies, occurring in approximately one in 2,500 births, with over 1,600 babies diagnosed each year in the United States alone; and
- WHEREAS:** There is currently no known cause of CDH, but studies have suggested that it is likely due to a number of genetic and environmental factors; and
- WHEREAS:** Those with CDH often endure multiple surgeries and possible medical complications, which can include heart defects, pulmonary complications, gastric and intestinal problems, and developmental delays; and
- WHEREAS:** Raising awareness of CDH will help bring about acceptance and support for those who suffer from this birth defect and further promote much-needed research and medical advances; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 2021 as CONGENITAL DIAPHRAGMATIC HERNIA AWARENESS MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 10th day of February in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-One.



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GOVERNOR

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