

STATE OF OREGON
PROCLAMATION
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

- WHEREAS:** One in every 2,500 pregnancies are diagnosed with a congenital diaphragmatic hernia (CDH), and 1,600 babies are born with CDH in the United States each year; and
- WHEREAS:** CDH occurs when a baby's diaphragm fails to fully form, allowing abdominal organs into the chest cavity and preventing lung growth; and
- WHEREAS:** There are many people living in Oregon who have been diagnosed with and have survived their CDH, although many families in Oregon have endured the horrible pain and grief associated with the loss of loved ones with CDH; and
- WHEREAS:** CDH International is a charity is a 501(c)III organization that was created to help families affected by CDH; and
- WHEREAS:** Those with CDH often endure multiple surgeries and possible medical complications beyond their diagnosis that 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 and support for those suffering with it and will help advocate for urgently needed medical research and advances.

**NOW,
THEREFORE:** I, Tina Kotek, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim April 19th to be

CONGENITAL DIAPHRAGMATIC HERNIA AWARENESS DAY

in Oregon and encourage all Oregonians to join in this observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the State of Oregon to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Salem in the State of Oregon on this day March 26, 2026.



Tina Kotek

Tina Kotek, Governor

Tobias J. Read

Tobias Read, Secretary of State