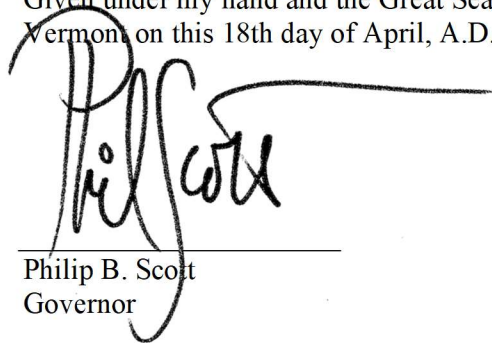


**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

- WHEREAS,** one in every 2,500 pregnancies are diagnosed with a Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia (CDH); 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,** since 2000, it is estimated that over 800,000 babies have been born with CDH; however, only 50 percent of those babies survived; and
- WHEREAS,** CDH is as common as Spina Bifida and Cystic Fibrosis but very few people are aware of it; and
- WHEREAS,** there are many people living in Vermont diagnosed with CDH, although many families have endured the horrible pain and grief associated with the loss of loved ones from CDH; and
- WHEREAS,** CDH International is a 501(c)III charity organization created to help families affected by CDH; and
- WHEREAS,** those with CDH often endure multiple surgeries and medical complications beyond their diagnosis including 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 CDH and will help advocate for urgently needed medical research and advance.
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim the day of April 19, 2026 as

CONGENITAL DIAPHRAGMATIC HERNIA AWARENESS DAY
in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of
Vermont, on this 18th day of April, A.D. 2026.



Philip B. Scott
Governor





Jaye Pershing Johnson

Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs