

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, one in every 2,500 pregnancies are diagnosed with a congenital diaphragmatic hernia (CDH); and

WHEREAS, Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia occurs when a baby's diaphragm fails to fully form; allowing abdominal organs into the chest cavity and preventing lung growth; and

WHEREAS, many people in South Carolina have been diagnosed with and survived their CDH. Many families in South Carolina have endured the pain and grief associated with the loss of loved ones with CDH; and

WHEREAS, those with CDH often endure multiple surgeries and possible medical complications beyond their diagnosis including heart defects, pulmonary complications, gastric and intestinal problems, developmental delays, and may they require respiratory and medicinal support for years.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Henry Dargan McMaster, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 2026 as

CONGENITAL DIAPHRAGMATIC HERNIA AWARENESS MONTH

and April 19, 2026

CONGENITAL DIAPHRAGMATIC HERNIA AWARENESS DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to raise awareness for Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernias in the Palmetto State.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Henry D. McMaster".

HENRY DARGAN McMASTER
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA