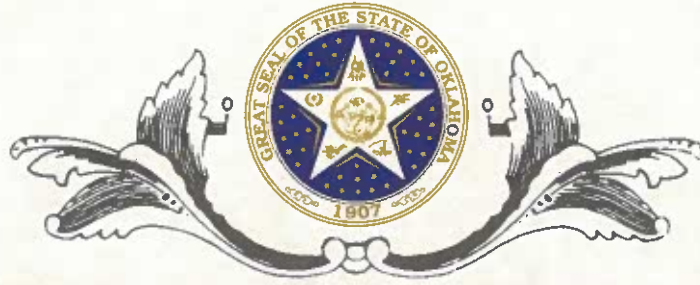


STATE OF OKLAHOMA



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, congenital diaphragmatic hernia (CDH) is a serious birth defect occurring in approximately 1 in every 2,500 pregnancies, affecting families across Oklahoma and the nation; and

Whereas, CDH occurs when a baby's diaphragm does not fully form, allowing abdominal organs to move into the chest cavity and impair lung development; and

Whereas, each year, approximately 1,600 babies in the United States are born with CDH, and many face significant medical challenges, including multiple surgeries and long-term health complications; and

Whereas, despite being as common as conditions such as spina bifida and cystic fibrosis, CDH remains largely unknown, underscoring the need for increased public awareness and education; and

Whereas, families in Oklahoma have been impacted by CDH, with many children surviving and thriving through strength and medical care, while others have endured the profound loss associated with this condition; and

Whereas, organizations such as CDH International work to support affected families, promote awareness, and advance research efforts to improve outcomes and quality of life for those impacted by CDH;

Now Therefore, I, Governor J. Kevin Stitt, do hereby proclaim April 19th, 2026, as

"Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Awareness Day"

in the State of Oklahoma

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed.



Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma City, this twenty-fifth day of March, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and twenty-six, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred and eighteenth year.

Benjamin Lepak
SECRETARY OF STATE

Kevin Stitt
GOVERNOR

ATTEST: