

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, 1-in-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, there are many people living in Washington who have been diagnosed with and have survived their CDH, although many families in Washington 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 that include heart defects, pulmonary complications, gastric and intestinal problems, and developmental delays, and they may require respiratory and medicinal support for years;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Ferguson, governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim April 19, 2026, as

Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Awareness Day

in Washington, and I urge all people in our state to join me in this special observance.



Signed this 17th day of April, 2026


Governor Bob Ferguson