



# *Proclamation*

## *In Recognition of*

### **Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Action Day**

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

**WHEREAS**, since 2000, it is estimated that over 500,000 babies have been born with CDH, however, only fifty percent of those babies have survived; and

**WHEREAS**, CDH occurs when the diaphragm fails to fully form, allowing abdominal organs into the chest cavity preventing lung growth; and

**WHEREAS**, is as common as spina bifida and cystic fibrosis, but has little awareness and even less research funding; and

**WHEREAS**, 1,600 babies are born with CDH every year in the United States each year; and

**WHEREAS**, there are many people living in Hawai'i who have been diagnosed with and have survived their CDH, although many families in Hawai'i have endured the horrible 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, 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;

**THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim April 19, 2015 as**

### **"CONGENITAL DIAPHRAGMATIC HERNIA ACTION DAY"**

in Hawai'i, and encourage the citizens of the Aloha State to join us in raising awareness of this birth defect and the need for research funding.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, on this seventeenth day of April 2015.

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

SHAN S. TSUTSUI  
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i