



Proclamation
Presented to
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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 infants have been born with CDH; however, only 50% of those afflicted survived; and

WHEREAS, CDH is as common as Spina Bifida and Cystic Fibrosis, yet very few people know about the affliction or are aware of it; and

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

WHEREAS, there are many people living in Hawai'i who have been diagnosed with and have survived CDH, as well as many families that 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 long-term respiratory and medical support; 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, 2016 as

**“CONGENITAL DIAPHRAGMATIC HERNIA
ACTION DAY”**

In Hawai'i, and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing and participating in its observance.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, on this fourth day of April 2016.

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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