

# STATE OF MONTANA



## *Governor's Proclamation*



*WHEREAS, one in every 2,500 pregnancies are diagnosed with a Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia (CDH), which occurs when a baby's diaphragm fails to fully form, allowing abdominal organs into the chest cavity and preventing lung growth; and*

*WHEREAS, since the year 2000, it is estimated that over 700,000 babies have been born with CDH. However, only 50 percent of those babies survived, and 1,600 babies are born with CDH in the United States each year; and*

*WHEREAS, CDH is as common as Spina Bifida and Cystic Fibrosis, yet very few people know about it or are aware of it; 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 support families have endured the pain and grief associated with the loss of loved ones with CDH and advocate for urgently needed medical research and advances;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Gianforte, Governor of the State of Montana, do hereby proclaim April 2022*

## **CONGENITAL DIAPHRAGMATIC HERNIA AWARENESS MONTH**

in Montana to support individuals and families impacted by CDH.



**GREG GIANFORTE**  
Governor