

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



PROCLAMATION

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 were born with CDH, and only 50 percent of those babies survived; and

WHEREAS, CDH is as common as spina bifida and cystic fibrosis, but very few people know about it or are aware of it; and

WHEREAS, 1600 babies are born with CDH every year in the United States; and

WHEREAS, there are many people living in Mississippi who have been diagnosed with and have survived their CDH, but many families in Mississippi 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 and 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:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Phil Bryant, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim April 19, 2016, as

CONGENITAL DIAPHRAGMATIC HERNIA ACTION DAY

in the State of Mississippi.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

DONE in the City of Jackson, on the fifteenth day of February in the year of our Lord, two thousand and sixteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and fortieth.



PHIL BRYANT
GOVERNOR