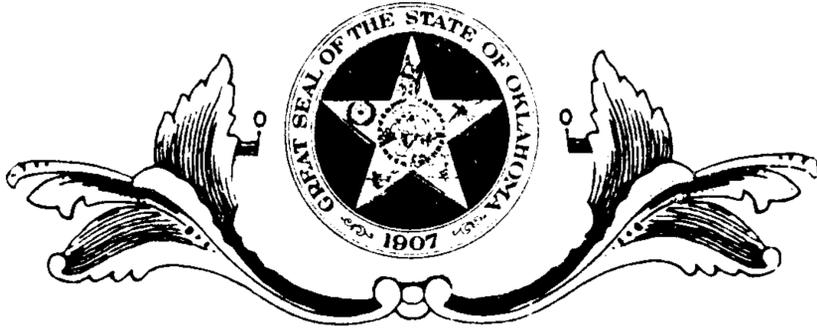


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## Proclamation

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 have been born with CDH; however, only 50 percent of those babies survived; and

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

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

Whereas, there are many people living in Oklahoma who have been diagnosed with and have survived with CDH, although many families in Oklahoma 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;

Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim April 19, 2013 as

**“Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Awareness Day”**

in the State of Oklahoma.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed.



Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma City, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of January, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and thirteen, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred and fifth year.

*Michelle R. Day*  
Assistant SECRETARY OF STATE

*Mary Fallin*  
GOVERNOR

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