

# STATE OF OKLAHOMA



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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

## 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; but only 50 percent of those babies survived; and

Whereas, CDH is as common as spina bifida and cystic fibrosis; however, very few people 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 a large number of families in Oklahoma have endured the horrible pain and grief associated with the loss of loved ones due to CDH; and

Whereas, those with CDH often endure multiple surgeries and risk possible medical complications beyond their diagnosis, that include heart defects, pulmonary complications, gastric and intestinal problems, developmental delays, and may require years of respiratory and medicinal support; and

Whereas, raising awareness of this congenital defect will help bring about acceptance and support for those suffering with it and 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, 2014 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.



ATTEST:

Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma City, this 2nd day of April, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and fourteen, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred and sixth year.

Chris Boyce  
SECRETARY OF STATE

Mary Fallin  
GOVERNOR

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