

# STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

## PROCLAMATION

### CONGENITAL DIAPHRAGMATIC HERNIA AWARENESS MONTH

APRIL 2023

WHEREAS, a congenital diaphragmatic hernia (CDH) is a birth defect that occurs during fetal development when the diaphragm fails to fully form creating a hole in the diaphragm, allowing abdominal organs to migrate through the hole into the chest cavity and, ultimately, may cause the lungs to be small and underdeveloped; and

WHEREAS, one in every 2,500 pregnancies are diagnosed with CDH; and

WHEREAS, though CDH is as common as spina bifida and cystic fibrosis, very few people are aware of this serious, life-threatening condition; and

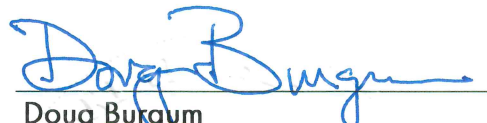
WHEREAS, there are many people living in North Dakota who have been diagnosed with and survived their CDH; tragically, many families in North Dakota have endured the horrible pain and grief associated with the loss of loved ones with CDH; and

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, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim  
April 2023, CONGENITAL DIAPHRAGMATIC HERNIA AWARENESS MONTH in  
the State of North Dakota.



  
Doug Burgum  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:   
Michael Howe  
SECRETARY OF STATE