

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A 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 each year; and

**WHEREAS**, there are many people living in Vermont who have been diagnosed with and have survived CDH; although many families in Vermont 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 complication 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, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim April 19, 2015 as

**CONGENITAL DIAPHRAGMATIC HERNIA ACTION DAY**



in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of  
Vermont on this 7th day of April, A.D. 2015

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Peter Shumlin', written over a horizontal line.

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Peter Shumlin  
Governor