

**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", followed by a long horizontal line.

Peter Shumlin
Governor