



GOVERNOR PROCLAMATIONS

The Administrative Procedure Act (APA) requires the publication of Governor proclamations of general applicability, and ceremonial dedications issued by the Governor.

CONGENITAL DIAPHRAGMATIC HERNIA ACTION DAY

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WHEREAS, one in every 2,500 pregnancies is diagnosed with a congenital diaphragmatic hernia (CDH), where the baby’s diaphragm fails to form or close completely; an opening allows abdominal organs into the chest cavity; and

WHEREAS, since 2000, it is estimated that more than 500,000 babies have been born with CDH and only 50 percent of those babies survived; and

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

WHEREAS, each year, 1,600 babies are born with CDH in the United States; and

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

WHEREAS, those with CDH often endure multiple surgeries and medical complications beyond their diagnosis that may 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 affected by CDH and will help advocate for urgently needed medical research and advances.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim April 19, 2016 as

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and I further encourage all citizens to increase awareness, education and services for this congenital defect, which each year affect thousands of babies in Arizona.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

Douglas A. Ducey
GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this twenty-ninth day of February in the year Two Thousand and Sixteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Fortieth.

ATTEST:
Michele Reagan
SECRETARY OF STATE