

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; and

WHEREAS, There are many people living in North Dakota who have been diagnosed with and have survived their CDH; although 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, 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, BE IT RESOLVED, That I, Timothy J. Mahoney, Mayor of the City of Fargo, do hereby proclaim April 19th to be

CONGENITAL DIAPHRAGMATIC HERNIA ACTION DAY

in the City of Fargo, North Dakota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Fargo, North Dakota to be affixed this 6th day of February, 2015.





Timothy J. Mahoney
Mayor
Fargo, North Dakota