

Proclamation

Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Awareness Day

April 19, 2019

WHEREAS: One in every 2,500 pregnancies are diagnosed with a congenital diaphragmatic hernia (CDH) and 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 alone; and

WHEREAS: There are many people living in the USA, Canada and Internationally who have been diagnosed with and have survived their CDH, although many families have endured the horrible pain and grief associated with the loss of a loved one with CDH; and

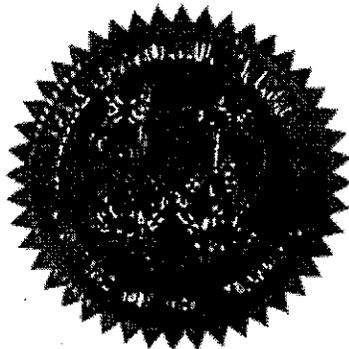
WHEREAS: CDH International is a charity and 50(c)(3) organization that was created to help families affected by CDH; and

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 CDH and will help advocate for urgently needed medical research and advances.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Mayor Mike Savage, hereby proclaim April 19, 2019 to be Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Awareness Day in the Halifax Regional Municipality and encourage all residents to join in this observance.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia
this 19th day of April 2019



Original Signed

Mike Savage
Mayor