



# *Proclamation*

## *By the Governor of Alabama*

*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, although 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 Alabama who have been diagnosed with and have survived their CDH. Yet, many families in Alabama have endured the horrible pain and grief associated with the loss of loved ones with CDH; and*

*WHEREAS, people 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*

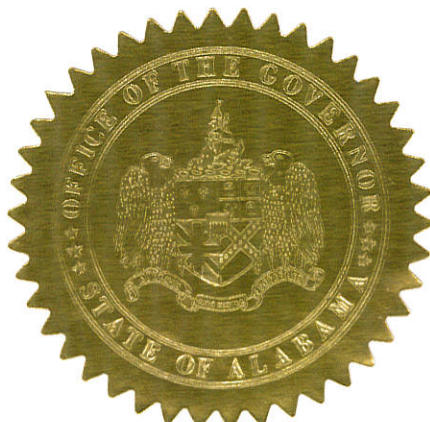
*WHEREAS, raising awareness of this congenital defect will help bring about acceptance and support for those suffering with it and will help advocate for urgently needed medical research and advances;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim April 2018, as*

# *Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia*

## *Awareness Month*

*in the State of Alabama and urge all the citizens of Alabama to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.*



*Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the  
Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the  
City of Montgomery on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of March 2018.*

*Kay Ivey*  
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Kay Ivey, Governor