



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

2012 CONGENITAL DIAPHRAGMATIC HERNIA AWARENESS DAY

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, many in the state of Idaho; and

WHEREAS, there are many people living in Idaho who have been diagnosed with and have survived CDH; although many families in Idaho 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, including 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 C. L. "Butch" Otter, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim April 19th to be

2012 CONGENITAL DIAPHRAGMATIC HERNIA AWARENESS DAY

in Idaho.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this 19th day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and twelve and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-sixth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred twenty second.

C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER
GOVERNOR

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SECRETARY OF STATE