WHEREAS, one in every 2,500 pregnancies is diagnosed with a congenital diaphragmatic hernia (CDH); and

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

WHEREAS, CDH is as common as spina bifida and cystic fibrosis, but very few people are aware of it; and

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

WHEREAS, many people living in Idaho have been diagnosed with and have survived CDH, although many Idaho families 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 medical complication beyond their diagnosis, including heart defects, pulmonary complications, gastric and intestinal problems, and developmental delays, which 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 2017 to be

CONGENITAL DIAPHRAGMATIC HERNIA AWARENESS MONTH

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 1st day of April, in the year of our Lord two thousand and seventeen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred forty-first and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred twenty-seventh.

C.L. “BUTCH” OTTER
GOVERNOR

LAWERENCE DENNEY
SECRETARY OF STATE