

Executive Department

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, a Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia is an opening in the diaphragm that allows the abdominal organs to push into the chest cavity; and

WHEREAS, a Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia is often a life-threatening birth defect because it limits the growth of the lungs; and

WHEREAS, a Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia occurs in one of every 2,000 live births in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernias account for eight percent of all major congenital anomalies; and

WHEREAS, proactive diagnosis and appropriate management of fetuses with Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernias minimizes the incidence of emergency situations, dramatically improving survival rates; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for increased public awareness of Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernias; and

WHEREAS, Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Awareness Day provides an opportunity for families whose lives have been affected to celebrate life and to remember loved ones lost, to honor dedicated health professionals, and to meet others impacted and know they are not alone; and

WHEREAS, groups such as Breath of Hope, Inc. are working to promote public awareness and encourage research efforts to one day prevent or successfully treat all those diagnosed with a Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia; and

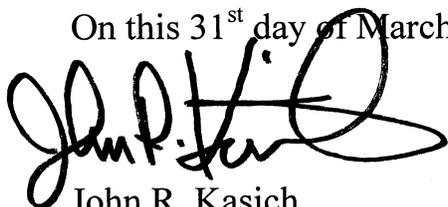
WHEREAS, the establishment of Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Awareness Day will provide the opportunity to share experience and information with the public and the media in order to raise public awareness about the Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia birth defect.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John R. Kasich, Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby designate March 31, 2012 as

CONGENITAL DIAPHRAGMATIC HERNIA AWARENESS DAY

throughout Ohio and urge the residents of Ohio to learn more about Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernias and support those who are affected.

On this 31st day of March, 2012;



John R. Kasich
Governor

