

**STATE OF ALASKA
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Proclaiming April 19, 2015, as Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Action Day.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

WHEREAS one in every 2,500 babies is diagnosed with congenital diaphragmatic hernia; and

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

WHEREAS, though congenital diaphragmatic hernia is as common as spina bifida and cystic fibrosis, very few people know about it; and

WHEREAS, every year in the United States, 1,600 babies are born with congenital diaphragmatic hernia; and

WHEREAS, though many individuals living in the state have been diagnosed with and survived congenital diaphragmatic hernia, many families have endured the horrible pain and grief associated with the loss of loved ones from congenital diaphragmatic hernia; and

WHEREAS individuals with congenital diaphragmatic hernia often endure multiple surgeries and medical complications beyond their diagnosis, including heart defects, pulmonary complications, gastric and intestinal problems, and developmental delays and

require respiratory and medicinal support for years; and

WHEREAS raising awareness of this congenital defect will increase acceptance of and support for those individuals suffering from it and will help advocate for the medical research and advances that are urgently needed;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature proclaims April 19, 2015, as Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Action Day; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature encourages the people of the state to observe Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Action Day with appropriate efforts to promote awareness of congenital diaphragmatic hernia, to promote acceptance of and support for individuals with congenital diaphragmatic hernia, and their families, and to improve the lives of individuals affected by congenital diaphragmatic hernia.