
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY PHILLIPS-HILL, DUSH, CULVER, BREWSTER, VOGEL AND
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REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, APRIL 22, 2024

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing April 19, 2024, as "Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia
2 Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, One in every 2,500 pregnancies are diagnosed with a
4 congenital diaphragmatic hernia (CDH); and

5 WHEREAS, CDH occurs when a baby's diaphragm fails to fully
6 form allowing abdominal organs into the chest cavity and
7 preventing lung growth; and

8 WHEREAS, Since 2000, it is estimated that over 700,000 babies
9 have been born with CDH, however only 50% of those babies
10 survived; and

11 WHEREAS, CDH is as common as spina bifida and cystic
12 fibrosis, however very few people know or are aware of it; and

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

15 WHEREAS, Many people in this Commonwealth have been diagnosed
16 with and survived CDH, although many families have endured the
17 horrible pain and grief associated with the loss of loved ones
18 with CDH; and

1 WHEREAS, CDH International is a 501(c)(3) charity
2 organization that was created to help families affected by CDH;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Those with CDH often endure multiple surgeries and
5 possible medical complications beyond their diagnosis, including
6 heart defects, pulmonary complications, gastric and intestinal
7 problems and developmental delays, and may require respiratory
8 and medicinal support for years; and

9 WHEREAS, Raising awareness of this congenital defect will
10 help bring about acceptance and support for those suffering with
11 CDH and will help advocate for urgently needed medical research
12 and advances; therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize April 19, 2024, as
14 "Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania.