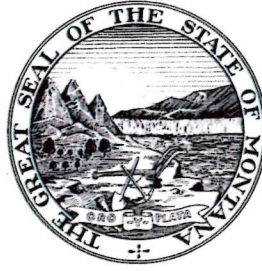


# STATE OF MONTANA



## *Governor's Proclamation*



*WHEREAS, one in every 2,500 pregnancies are diagnosed with a congenital diaphragmatic hernia (CDH) and occurs when a baby's diaphragm fails to fully form; allowing abdominal organs into the chest cavity and preventing lung growth; and,*

*WHEREAS, since 2000, it is estimated that over 700,000 babies have been born with CDH; however, tragically, only 50 percent of those babies survived; and,*

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

*WHEREAS, those with CDH often endure multiple surgeries and possible medical complications beyond their diagnosis that include heart defects, pulmonary complications, gastric and intestinal problems, developmental delays, and may require respiratory and medicinal support for years; and,*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Gianforte, Governor of the State of Montana, do hereby proclaim April 2024*

### **CONGENITAL DIAPHRAGMATIC HERNIA AWARENESS MONTH**

in Montana to raise awareness of this congenital defect to help bring about acceptance and support for those suffering with it.

*Greg Gianforte*  
**GREG GIANFORTE**  
Governor