



Proclamation



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 occurs in every 1 in 2,500 live births in the United States, which accounts for 8% of all major congenital anomalies; and,

WHEREAS, proactive diagnosis and appropriate management of fetuses with congenial diaphragmatic hernias minimize the incidence of emergency situations, dramatically improving survival rates; and,

WHEREAS, there is a need for increased public awareness of congenital diaphragmatic hernias to provide 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 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 the establishment of Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia 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, Carl M. (Mel) Pennington IV, Mayor of the City of Hartsville in the State of South Carolina do hereby proclaim April 19, 2020 as:

“CONGENITAL DIAPHRAGMATIC HERNIA AWARENESS DAY”

As the Mayor of the City of Hartsville, I also call upon the citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses and schools in the City of Hartsville, to commit our community to increasing awareness and understanding of Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernias.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause to be affixed the Seal of the City of Hartsville.

Carl M. (Mel) Pennington IV, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Sherron L. Skipper, City Clerk