



Proclamation



WHEREAS, One in every 2,500 pregnancies are diagnosed with a congenital diaphragmatic hernia (CDH). Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia 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 with only 50 percent of those babies surviving. While 1,600 babies are born with CDH in the United States each year; and,

WHEREAS, CDH is as common as Spina Bifida and Cystic Fibrosis; however, very few people know about it or are aware of it; and,

WHEREAS, There are many people living in South Carolina who have been diagnosed with and have survived their CDH, although families in Hartsville have endured the horrible pain and grief associated with the loss of loved ones with CDH; 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,

WHEREAS, Raising awareness of this congenital defect will help bring about acceptance and support for those suffering with it and will help advocate for urgently needed medical research and advances.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Casey Hancock, Mayor of the City of Hartsville in the State of South Carolina do hereby proclaim April 19, 2024 as

"CONGENITAL DIAPHRAGMATIC HERNIA AWARENESS DAY"

and as the Mayor of the City of Hartsville, I call upon the citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses, and schools in the City of Hartsville, to commit our community to learn more about Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernias and support those who are affected.

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

Casey Hancock, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Andrea D. Crenshaw, CMC, City Clerk