

## SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL Snohomish County, Washington

## RESOLUTION NO. 21-009

## A RESOLUTION OF THE SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL RECOGNIZING MARCH 31, 2021, AS CONGENITAL DIAPHRAGMATIC HERNIA AWARENESS DAY

WHEREAS, a Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia is often a life-threatening birth defect because it limits the growth of the lungs; and

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 occurs in every 1 in 2,500 live births in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernias account for 8% of all major congenital anomalies; and

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

WHEREAS, there is a need for increased public awareness of congenital diaphragmatic hernias; and

**WHEREAS**, Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Awareness Day provides 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, the establishment of Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Awareness 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; and

WHEREAS, March 31, 2021 is recognized as Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Awareness Day;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Snohomish County Council hereby recognizes March 31, 2021, as CONGENITAL DIAPHRAGMATIC HERNIA AWARENESS DAY and urge our residents to learn more about congenital diaphragmatic hernias and support those who are affected.

APPROVED this 31st day of March, 2021.

ATTEST:

Debbie Eco, CMC Clerk of the Council

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