



Proclamation

By the Mayor of Prattville, Alabama

WHEREAS, one in every 2500 pregnancies are diagnosed with a congenital diaphragmatic hernia (CDH); and

WHEREAS, since 2000, it is estimated that over 500,000 babies have been born with CDH; however, only 50 percent of those babies survived; 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, 1600 babies are born with CDH every year in the United States; and

WHEREAS, there are many people living in Alabama who have been diagnosed with and have survived their CDH, although many families in Alabama 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 medical support for years; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Gillespie, Jr., Mayor of the City of Prattville hereby proclaim Friday, April 19, 2013

Day of Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Awareness

in Prattville, Alabama.



*Given Under My Hand and the Seal of the City
of Prattville on the 19th day of April 2013.*

Bill Gillespie, Jr.
Mayor Bill Gillespie, Jr.