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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim April 19, 2015, as Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Awareness Day in New York State

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize official days that are set aside to increase awareness of serious illnesses that affect the lives of citizens of New York State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim April 19, 2015, as Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Awareness Day in New York State, in conjunction with National Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, The condition known as Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia (CDH) is a potentially life-threatening fetal deformation which allows abdominal organs to migrate to the chest cavity and constrict normal lung development; and

WHEREAS, CDH affects as many as 1,600 infants, which is about 1 in every 2,500 children annually in the United States, with substantial and frequently fatal pulmonary, gastrointestinal and developmental consequences; and

WHEREAS, These symptoms require long hospitalizations and intensive home care resulting in individual medical bills; and

WHEREAS, In the most severe instances, the mortality rate of children with CDH may reach 60 percent; and

WHEREAS, Despite a frequency as great as cystic fibrosis and spina bifida, CDH is relatively unknown and has not been the subject of research to the degree that its health and financial impacts demand; and

WHEREAS, It is imperative that there be greater public awareness of this serious health issue, and more must be done to increase activity at

the local, State and national levels; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim April 19, 2015, as Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Awareness Day in New York State; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York; Vincent and Jennifer Esposito; CHERUBS-The Association of Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Research Awareness and Support; and The Alliance of Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Organizations.