

PROCLAMATION
Village of Wheeling

Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Awareness Day
April 19, 2012

WHEREAS, one in every 2,500 pregnancies are diagnosed with a congenital diaphragmatic hernia (CDH); and

WHEREAS, since 2000, it is estimated that over 700,000 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, 1,600 babies are born with CDH every year in the United States with an average of 13 born in suburban Cook County each year; and

WHEREAS, there are many people living in Cook County who have been diagnosed with and have survived their CDH; although many families in Cook County 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 complication 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, Judy Abruscato, President of the Village of Wheeling, do hereby proclaim April 19, 2012 Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Awareness Day in the Village of Wheeling.

DATED at the Village of Wheeling this 16th day of April, 2012.



Judy Abruscato, Village President

ATTEST:

Elaine E. Simpson, Village Clerk