

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1808

A RESOLUTION designating March 31, 2014, as Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Awareness Day.

WHEREAS, Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia (CDH) is a birth defect for which there is no known cause. It affects people of all races and socioeconomic backgrounds. CDH occurs in about one in 2,000 to one in 5,000 live births. A baby born with CDH either has a diaphragm that is missing or is partially formed. A missing or partially formed diaphragm causes abdominal organs to migrate into the chest cavity, which then causes undeveloped lungs; and

WHEREAS, Approximately 20 Kansas families are affected by CDH each year. Typically, medical costs are \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 for each baby. Most NICU stays are six to 12 weeks in length and require multiple surgeries; and

WHEREAS, About half of all babies born with CDH require time on an extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO) machine. Kansas does not have an ECMO machine, so parents choose to have these babies born in another state, or babies with CDH are life-flighted to a hospital that has an ECMO machine; and

WHEREAS, More awareness about CDH will lead to more research, which leads to better outcomes for those children diagnosed with CDH: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That we designate March 31, 2014, as Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Awareness Day, and recognize the importance of awareness and research of CDH; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate shall send five enrolled copies of this resolution to Senator V. Schmidt.

Senate Resolution No. 1808 was sponsored by Senator Vicki Schmidt.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the SENATE, and was adopted by that body

President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.