Proclamation

The Mayor for the Borough of Berlin, New Jersey
April 19, 2016
CONGENITAL DIAPHRAGMATIC HERNIA ACTION DAY

WHEREAS, one in every 2,500 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, 1,600 babies are born with CDH every year in the United States each year; and

WHEREAS, there are many people living in New Jersey who have been diagnosed with and have survived their CDH; although many families in New Jersey 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;

I do hereby proclaim the 19th of April 2016 to be **CONGENITAL DIAPHRAGMATIC HERNIA ACTION DAY** and urge all residents of the Borough of Berlin to learn more and support research to find solutions to this devastating birth defect.

BOROUGH OF LONG-A-COMING BERLIN, N.J.

James A. Bilella II
Mayor