



***Town Council of Indian Head***  
**Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week**

February 7-14, 2018

**WHEREAS**, the health and well-being of our children is of paramount importance; and

**WHEREAS**, congenital heart defects are the most frequently occurring birth defect and the leading cause of birth defect related deaths worldwide; and

**WHEREAS**, over a million families across America are facing the challenges and hardships of raising children with congenital heart defects; and

**WHEREAS**, each year in the United States, more than 40,000 babies are born with a congenital heart defect; and

**WHEREAS**, many of these babies will not live to see their first birthday and many die before they reach adulthood; and

**WHEREAS**, some congenital heart defects are not diagnosed until months or years after birth; and

**WHEREAS**, undiagnosed congenital heart conditions cause many cases of sudden cardiac death in youth athletes; and

**WHEREAS**, despite these statistics, newborns and young athletes are not routinely screened for congenital heart defects; and

**WHEREAS**, medical research can provide more identifiable means of the origins and symptoms of congenital heart defects; and

**WHEREAS**, it is crucial that parents, pediatricians, and all those in the health profession have a greater awareness of the potential for congenital heart defects among newborns and children; and

**WHEREAS**, Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week provides the opportunity for families and patients affected by these conditions to share their experiences and knowledge with the public, so that we all may be made more aware of how this defect affects all our lives.

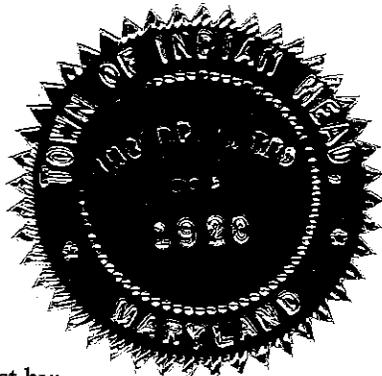
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the Mayor and Council of the Town of Indian Head, Maryland do hereby recognize February 7<sup>th</sup> through February 14<sup>th</sup> as Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week in the Town of Indian Head and encourages all to join in this special observance.

Signed this 5<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2018

Brandon Paulin  
Mayor

Ron Sitoula  
Vice Mayor

Curtis Smith  
Councilman



Attest by:

Andrea Brady  
Town Clerk