



Town Council of Indian Head

Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Day

February 14, 2021

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 Day 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 14th as Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Day in the Town of Indian Head and encourages all to join in this special observance.

Signed this 24th day of February, 2021

Brandon Paulin

Mayor

Ron Sitoula

Vice Mayor

Randy Albright

Councilman

Attest by:

Andrea Brady

Town Clerk

