

PROCLAMATION

CONGENITAL HEART DEFECT AWARENESS WEEK  
FEBRUARY 7-14, 20\_\_

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

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

*WHEREAS, the medical community has identified congenital heart defects as the leading cause of birth defect-related deaths; and*

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

*THEREFORE, I, (name of your elected official), do hereby proclaim February 7-14, 20\_\_, CONGENITAL HEART DEFECT AWARENESS WEEK and encourage all to join me in this special observance.*