

Proclamation

“Congenital Heart Disease Awareness Week” February 7-14, 2019

Whereas, the well-being of our children – our most precious resource – is of paramount importance to Adams County, Colorado, and maintaining excellent health among children is a top priority; and

Whereas, in the United States of America, Congenital Heart Defects (CHDs) are the most frequently occurring birth defect and are the leading cause of birth related deaths; and

Whereas, in the United States of America, approximately 40,000 infants each year are born with CHDs and they can be fatal due to their seriousness, insufficient effective medical intervention options and the limited availability of infant donor hearts; and

Whereas, the origins and symptoms of CHDs are becoming more readily identifiable and the range of surgical options are expanding continuously thanks to doctors’ and scientists’ diligent research efforts and field of experiences that extend our body of knowledge every day; and

Whereas, there is much to learn about the causes of and effective treatments for CHDs and it is important for parents, pediatricians, and nurses to recognize the warning signs associated with CHDs among newborns so that they may provide proper treatment as early as possible; and

Whereas, many of Adams County's families and communities are directly or indirectly affected by infant illness and death caused by CHDs; and

Whereas, Congenital Heart Disease Awareness Week will also provide the opportunity to share experiences and information with the public and the media, in order to raise public awareness about CHDs.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That, the Board of Commissioners of the County of Adams, State of Colorado, does hereby proclaim the week of February 7- February 14, 2019 as

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in Adams County, and encourage residents to join in the campaign to increase awareness of this serious health matter in an effort to improve early diagnosis and through that, better outcomes for our youngest residents.

In witness whereof, we have set our hands and caused the seal of the county to be affixed February 12, 2019.