

WHEREAS: Congenital cytomegalovirus (CMV) is a common virus that can infect people of all ages, and each year approximately 1 in 200 babies in the United States are born with congenital CMV, which may cause developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS: Congenital CMV can affect individuals in many ways, with some children showing signs at birth while others may develop symptoms later in childhood; and

WHEREAS: Despite advances in medical research and care, the impacts of congenital CMV are lifelong and require ongoing medical attention and support; and

WHEREAS: Every person's experience of CMV is unique, shaped by their specific condition, individual immune systems, and available support systems; and

WHEREAS: Knowledge of the virus and the child's condition plays an important role in empowering parents and guardians to make the best choices for their well-being and future; and

WHEREAS: Early identification, timely intervention, and coordinated care from family members and health care providers can help a child receive the right care and resources they need to thrive; and

WHEREAS: Community plays an integral role in the lives of individuals and families affected by congenital CMV; and

WHEREAS: Every community member can make a difference by educating themselves on the impacts of CMV and using risk reduction strategies to help stop transmission during pregnancy.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, _____, Governor of _____, do hereby proclaim June 2026 as: CMV AWARENESS MONTH