**Proclamation**
**for National Cornelia de Lange Syndrome (CdLS) Awareness Day**
**May 9, 2020**

WHEREAS, the good health and general well-being of the people of (STATE/CITY) is strengthened by our knowledge and understanding of a little- known genetic disorder known as Cornelia de Lange Syndrome (CdLS); and

WHEREAS, children with CdLS are usually born with low birth weight and develop at a slower rate, both cognitively and physically, and experience many medical complications; and

WHEREAS, dedicated professionals are presently involved in valuable research to explore new therapies and diagnostic tools and to offer hope to children with CdLS; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 20,000 men, women and children in the United States have CdLS but remain undiagnosed or without support services; therefore, they miss out on critical medical services and support that can impact their quality of life; and

WHEREAS, (STATE/CITY) is pleased to join people throughout our nation in promoting a special celebration which seeks to raise awareness of Cornelia de Lange Syndrome, designed to have a positive and productive impact on the lives of all people with CdLS and their caregivers;

THEREFORE, I, (GOVERNOR/MAYOR), of (STATE/CITY), do hereby proclaim the 8th DAY OF MAY 2020, AS NATIONAL CORNELIA de LANGE SYNDROME AWARENESS DAY in (STATE/CITY).