



PROCLAMATION

Office of the Mayor

World Airway Disorders Day

July 10, 2023



- WHEREAS:** Laryngomalacia (LM) is the most common cause of noisy breathing in infants and occurs when the tissues above the vocal cords collapse and prevent children from breathing easily. Its prevalence has been estimated to be anywhere from 1 in 2000 to 3000 infants; and
- WHEREAS:** The primary symptom of LM is stridor, or noisy breathing, and it is important to diagnose in early infancy as it may affect multiple aspects of growth and development. This can be done by an ear, nose, and throat (ENT) specialist; and
- WHEREAS:** Most children will outgrow the ailment by 12-18 months of age, however, 10-20 percent will have severe symptoms affecting their ability to breathe and eat and will require surgery; and
- WHEREAS:** In 2010, Middletown resident Stephanie Hueston founded Coping with Laryngomalacia (CWL) shortly after her daughter, Seraphina, underwent surgery to treat her life-threatening LM. CWL is an all-volunteer non-profit that provides support, strength, and education for families coping with infantile airway disorders; and
- WHEREAS:** In 2015, CWL founded World Airways Disorders Day, a day for the world to paint their nails light blue for LM and help raise awareness. Now,
- THEREFORE:** I, Mayor Tony Perry and the Middletown Township Committee, do hereby proclaim July 10, 2023 as **World Airway Disorders Day** in the Township of Middletown to show support for CWL's mission and the families who are affected. We encourage the community to visit copingwithlm.org for more information and resources.

Given, under my hand and the Great Seal of the Township of Middletown, this nineteenth day of June in the year two thousand twenty-three

Mayor Tony Perry