



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

DIAPER NEED AWARENESS WEEK

2017

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, diaper need, the condition of not having a sufficient supply of clean diapers to ensure that infants and toddlers are clean, healthy, and dry, can adversely affect the health and welfare of infants, toddlers, and their families; and

WHEREAS, national surveys report that one in three mothers experience diaper need at some time while their children are less than three years of age, and 48 percent of families delay changing a diaper to extend their supply; and

WHEREAS, the typical infant or toddler requires an average of at least 50 diaper changes per week over three years; and

WHEREAS, there are no government assistance programs for the purchase or provision of diapers, and a sufficient supply of diapers can cost as much as six percent of a full-time minimum wage worker's salary; therefore, obtaining a sufficient supply of diapers can cause economic hardship on families; and

WHEREAS, a supply of diapers is generally an eligibility requirement for infants and toddlers to participate in childcare programs and quality early education programs; and

WHEREAS, the people of North Carolina recognize that addressing diaper need can lead to economic opportunity for the state's low-income families, and improve health for families and their communities; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina is proud to be home to various community organizations – including Diaper Bank of North Carolina, Who Needs a Change?, and Bottles and Bottoms – that recognize the importance of diapers in helping provide economic stability for families, and distribute diapers to low-income families through various channels; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina encourages citizens to donate generously to diaper banks, diaper drives, and organizations that distribute diapers to help alleviate diaper need in our communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 25 – October 1, 2017, as “DIAPER NEED AWARENESS WEEK” in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



Roy Cooper
Governor

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this twelfth day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand and seventeen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-first.