



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**DIAPER NEED AWARENESS WEEK**

**2018**

**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 low-income mothers experience diaper need at some point while their children are less than three years of age, and 48 percent of surveyed families report delaying changing a diaper to extend their supply; and

**WHEREAS**, on average, an infant or toddler requires at least 50 diaper changes per week for more than 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 create economic hardship for 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**, addressing diaper need can lead to economic opportunity for our 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 the Diaper Bank of North Carolina, that recognize the importance of diapers in helping provide economic stability for families, and that distribute diapers to underserved families through various channels; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina encourages people who are able 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 24 – 30, 2018, 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 twenty-first day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand and eighteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-second.