



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Diaper need – the condition of not having a sufficient supply of clean diapers to ensure 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 before their child's third birthday, and forty-eight percent of families report delaying a diaper change to extend their supply; and
- WHEREAS: The average infant or toddler requires at least fifty diaper changes per week over their first three years of life; and
- WHEREAS: A sufficient supply of diapers can cost as much as six percent of a full-time minimum wage worker's salary, causing extreme economic hardship to Minnesota's working families; and
- WHEREAS: An ample 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 improved health outcomes for children and families, and create increased economic opportunity for the state's low-income families; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota is home to various community organizations, including the Diaper Bank of Minnesota, that recognize the importance of diapers in helping provide health and economic stability for families, and provide this vital parenting commodity to Minnesota families in need.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of September 24-September 30, 2018, as:

DIAPER NEED AWARENESS WEEK

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 17th day of September.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE