



Proclamation



DIAPER NEED AWARENESS WEEK

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, their families, and their communities; and

WHEREAS, National Diaper Need Awareness Week was launched by the National Diaper Bank Network in 2012; now in its 8th year, this initiative provides an opportunity for individuals, communities, organizations and elected officials to work together in the effort to eliminate diaper need; and

WHEREAS, national surveys report that one in three mothers experience diaper need at some time, and forty-eight percent of families delay changing a diaper to extend their supply; and

WHEREAS, an average child requires 50 diaper changes per week over first three years of life; and

WHEREAS, while there are government programs that provide nutritional support for families in need, there are no government assistance programs for the purchase or provision of diapers; and

WHEREAS, basic hygiene items, such as diapers, are some of the most critical supplies needed by those who are displaced by natural disasters or other catastrophes; in response to recent events such as hurricanes and the federal government shutdown, the National Diaper Bank Network and the Diaper Bank of North Carolina have mobilized to fill these needs; and

WHEREAS, a supply of diapers is generally an eligibility requirement for infants and toddlers to participate in childcare and early education programs; without a reliable source of clean diapers, many children will be shut out of these developmental opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Carrboro is proud to support community organizations such as the Diaper Bank of North Carolina, we recognize the importance of diapers in helping provide economic stability for families, and understand the significance of basic hygiene to the families of this town.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Lydia E. Lavelle, Mayor of the Town of Carrboro, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the week of September 23rd through September 29th, 2019 as “**Diaper Need Awareness Week**” in the Town of Carrboro. I encourage the people of Carrboro to donate generously to diaper banks, diaper drives, and all organizations that distribute diapers and other hygiene products to families in need.

This, the 20th day of September 2019.



Lydia E. Lavelle, Mayor