



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, diaper need, the condition of not having a sufficient supply of clean diapers to keep babies and toddlers clean, dry, and healthy, can adversely affect the health and well-being of babies, toddlers, and their families; and

WHEREAS, national surveys and research studies report that one in three families struggles with diaper need and 48% of family's delay changing a diaper to extend their supply; and

WHEREAS, children go through six to 12 diapers each day during the two to three years they wear diapers; and

WHEREAS, purchasing enough diapers to keep a baby or toddler clean, dry and healthy can consume 14% of a low-wage family's post-tax income, making it difficult to obtain a sufficient supply; and

WHEREAS, a daily or weekly supply of diapers is generally an eligibility requirement for babies and toddlers to participate in childcare programs and quality early-education programs; and

WHEREAS, without enough diapers, babies and toddlers risk infections and health problems that may require medical attention, and may prevent parents from attending work or school, thereby hurting the family's economic prospects and well-being; and

WHEREAS, the people of Alabama recognize that diaper need is a public health issue, and addressing diaper need can lead to economic opportunity for the state's families and communities and improved health for children, thus ensuring all children and families have access to the basic necessities required to thrive and reach their full potential; and

WHEREAS, Alabama's diaper banks and their staff and volunteers served on the front lines of Alabama's COVID-19 pandemic response helping families in our communities' weather the crisis; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim September 21-27, 2020, as

Diaper Needs Awareness Week

in the state of Alabama.



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the City of Montgomery on the 9th day of September 2020.

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Kay Ivey, Governor