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 wellbeing of babies, toddlers and their families; and

WHEREAS, national surveys and studies report that one in three families struggles with diaper need, and 48 percent of families delay changing a diaper to extend the available 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 that enable children to thrive and parents to work; and

WHEREAS, many parents struggling with diaper need report missing an average of five days of work each month due to an insufficient supply of diapers; and

WHEREAS, without enough diapers, babies and toddlers risk health problems that may require medical attention resulting in medical costs, and parents may be prevented from accessing childcare needed to go to work or school, thereby destabilizing the family's economic wellbeing; and

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

WHEREAS, Alabama is proud to be home to numerous, trusted community-based organizations that recognize the importance of diapers in ensuring health and providing economic stability for families and thus distribute diapers to families through various channels;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim September 23 through September 29, 2024, as

National Diaper Need 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 4th day of September 2024.

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Kay Ivey, Governor