



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

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 mothers experience diaper need at some time while their children are less than three years of age and forty-eight percent of families delay changing a diaper to extend their supply; and

WHEREAS, the average infant or toddler requires an average of at least 50 diaper changes per week over 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 cause economic hardship for families; and

WHEREAS, a supply of diapers is generally an eligibility requirement for infant and toddlers to participate in childcare programs and quality early education programs; and

WHEREAS, addressing diaper need can lead to economic opportunity for the state's low-income families and can lead to improved health for families and their communities; and

WHEREAS, Alabama is proud to be home to various community organizations including Bundles of Hope Diaper Bank, The Food Bank of North Alabama, Junior League of Birmingham, Magnolia Church Bundle of Blessings, Little Angels and The Second Beginning, that recognizes the importance of diapers in helping provide economic stability for families and which distribute diapers to families in need through various channels;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim September 24th through September 30th, 2018 as

Diaper Need Awareness Week

in the State of Alabama and encourage all citizens to donate generously to diaper banks, diaper drives and those organizations that distribute diapers to families in need to help alleviate diaper need in 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 26th day of July 2018.

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor