

Town of Chapel Hill

Proclamation

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 monthly supply of diapers can cost as much as six percent of a full-time minimum wage worker's salary, which presents an economic hardship to 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, the people of Chapel Hill recognize that 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, Chapel Hill is proud to be home to various community organizations such as the Diaper Bank of North Carolina who help to distribute diapers to families through various channels.

Now, therefore, we the Chapel Hill Town Council, do hereby proclaim the week of September 24th through September 30th, 2018 as

DIAPER NEED AWARENESS WEEK

in the Town of Chapel Hill and encourage the citizens of Chapel Hill to donate generously to diaper banks, diaper drives, and those organizations that distribute diapers to families in need to help alleviate diaper need in Chapel Hill and environs.



GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL ON THIS THE EIGHTEENTH DAY OF SEPTEMBER IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND EIGHTEEN.

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