

Proclamation

WHEREAS, diapers are essential for infants, toddlers, and young children who are not yet toilet-trained, and necessary for participation in early education programs, childcare, and daily life; and

WHEREAS, national research reports that 1 in 2 families struggle to secure enough diapers to keep their children clean, dry, and healthy due to insufficient income; and

WHEREAS, diaper need can negatively affect children's health and well-being, leading to rashes, infections, and unnecessary medical visits, while increasing stress for caregivers; and

WHEREAS, the lack of diapers can result in missed work or school due to a lack of access to childcare; and

WHEREAS, addressing diaper need strengthens families, reduces poverty-related stressors, and fosters healthier, more equitable communities; and

WHEREAS, the Diaper Bank of North Carolina distributes millions of diapers statewide, supporting thousands of families through partnerships with clinics, shelters, schools, and community organizations;

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Mayor and Town Council of Chapel Hill, do hereby proclaim September 15–21, 2025, as

DIAPER NEED AWARENESS WEEK

in Chapel Hill and encourage all residents to support efforts to end diaper need in our community and to thank the Diaper Bank of North Carolina, its staff, volunteers, and donors for their vital service.



GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL, ON THIS THE TENTH DAY OF SEPTEMBER IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-FIVE.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jean C. Allen", is written over a light blue background.