

Proclamation

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 two families struggles with diaper need and 48 percent of families delay changing a diaper to extend their 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 State of North Carolina recognizes that diaper need is a public health issue and that 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, Chapel Hill is proud to be home to trusted community-based organizations, including Diaper Bank of North Carolina, 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, we, the Mayor and Town Council of Chapel Hill, do hereby proclaim September 23 - 29, 2024, as

DIAPER NEED AWARENESS WEEK

in Chapel Hill, and urge our residents to support the Diaper Bank and other organizations in this important work to make sure families have the necessary diaper supplies they need, if you are able.



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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jean A. Oberlin".