

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 three families struggles with diaper need and 48 percent of families delay changing a diaper to extend their supply; and

WHEREAS, purchasing enough diapers to keep a baby or toddler clean, dry, and healthy can consume 14 percent of a low-wage family's post-tax income, making it difficult to obtain a sufficient 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 people of Chapel Hill recognize that diaper need is a public health issue, and addressing diaper need can lead to economic opportunity for the state's families and communities and improved health for children, thus ensuring all people 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; and

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Chapel Hill Town Council, do hereby proclaim the week of September 18 through September 24, 2023 as

DIAPER NEED AWARENESS WEEK

in Chapel Hill and encourage the residents of Chapel Hill to donate generously to diaper banks, diaper drives, and those organizations that collect and distribute diapers to those struggling with diaper need, so that all of Chapel Hill's children and families can thrive and reach their full potential.



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

Dawn Hemmick