



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

PROCLAMATION

Diaper Need Awareness Week

September 25 – October 1, 2017

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 will 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

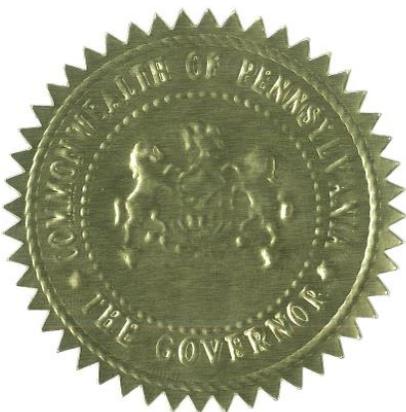
WHEREAS, there are no government assistance programs for the purchase or provision of diapers, and a sufficient supply of diapers can cost as much as six percent of a full time minimum wage worker's salary, therefore obtaining a sufficient supply of diapers can cause economic hardship to families; and

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

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is proud to be home to various community organizations, including Pamper and Diaper My Baby, Cradles to Crayons, Mitzvah Circle Foundation, The Greater Philadelphia Diaper Bank, Center for Leadership, Development, and Advocacy, Healthy Steps Diaper Bank, St. Joseph's Center, The Anglican Parish of Christ the Redeemer Diaper Pantry, Western Pennsylvania Diaper Bank & Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, that recognize the importance of diapers in helping provide economic stability for families and distribute diapers to poor families through various channels;

THEREFORE, I, Tom Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim the week of September 25th through October 1st 2017, as DIAPER NEED AWARENESS WEEK. I encourage the citizens of the commonwealth to donate generously to diaper banks, drives, and those organizations that distribute diapers to families in need to help alleviate diaper need in Pennsylvania.

GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, this the thirteenth day of July two thousand seventeen, the year of the commonwealth the two hundred forty-second.



Tom Wolf
TOM WOLF
Governor