



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

NATIONAL DIAPER NEED AWARENESS WEEK

- WHEREAS:** Diaper need, the condition of not being able to afford a sufficient supply of clean diapers to keep babies and toddlers clean, dry, and healthy, can adversely affect the health and well-being of children and their families; and
- WHEREAS:** National surveys and research studies report that nearly half of all families struggle with diaper need, and many of these families delay changing a diaper to extend the available 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 that enable children to thrive and parents to work, while many parents struggling with diaper need report missing an average of five days of work each month due to an insufficient supply of diapers; and
- WHEREAS:** Without enough diapers, babies and toddlers risk infections and health problems that may require medical attention resulting in medical costs, and parents may be prevented from accessing childcare needed to go to work or school, thereby destabilizing the family's economic prospects and well-being; and
- WHEREAS:** Georgia is proud to be home to trusted community-based organizations including Athens Area Diaper Bank, Diaper Bank of North GA, Helping Mamas, Junior League of Columbus, and Over the Moon Diaper Bank, 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:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim the week of September 18 through 24, 2023, as DIAPER NEED AWARENESS WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 6th day of September in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.



B. P. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Martha Kipertovich

CHIEF OF STAFF