



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### DIAPER NEED AWARENESS WEEK

- WHEREAS:** Diaper need, the condition of having an insufficient 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 struggle with diaper need and forty-eight percent of families delay changing a diaper to extend their supply; and
- WHEREAS:** Children go through six to twelve diapers each day during their two to three diaper-wearing years; and
- WHEREAS:** Purchasing enough diapers to keep a baby or toddler clean, dry, and healthy can consume fourteen 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 well-being and prospects; and
- WHEREAS:** The people of Georgia recognize 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 across our state have access to the necessities required to thrive and reach their full potential; and
- WHEREAS:** Georgia is proud to be home to trusted community-based organizations that recognize the importance of diapers to not only the health of children but also to the economic stability of 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 September 23-29, 2019 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 26<sup>th</sup> day of July in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Nineteen.



*B. P. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Trinity K. Fleming*

CHIEF OF STAFF