



Proclamation

WHEREAS, “Diaper Need,” or the lack of a sufficient supply of clean diapers to keep babies and toddlers clean, dry, and healthy, can adversely children’s health and negatively impact the economic prospects and well-being of families; and

WHEREAS, according to national surveys and research, one in three families struggles with diaper need and 48 percent of families delay changing a diaper to extend their supply; and

WHEREAS, in order for babies and toddlers to attend childcare and early education programs, a sufficient supply of diapers is generally an eligibility requirement; 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 an adequate supply of diapers; and

WHEREAS, addressing diaper need promotes healthy children and thriving families; and

WHEREAS, Hawai’i is proud to be the home of reliable, community-based organizations such as the Hawai’i Diaper Bank and Aloha Diaper Bank, which distribute diapers to families through various channels; and

WHEREAS, in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic and economic shutdown, the demand for diapers have increased exponentially, such that diaper banks have had to act quickly to meet this demand and support children and families in this time of need;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the State of Hawai’i, do hereby proclaim September 20-26, 2020 as

“DIAPER NEED AWARENESS WEEK”

in Hawai’i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join me in recognizing the enormous significance of eliminating diaper need and in thanking the diaper banks, their staff and volunteers for their tireless efforts in keeping our community healthy.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai’i, this twentieth day of September 2020.



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai’i