

# Proclamation

## DIAPER NEED AWARENESS WEEK

**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 two families struggles with diaper need and 48 percent of families delay changing a diaper to extend their 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

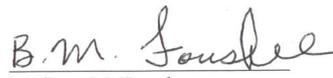
**WHEREAS**, without enough diapers, babies and toddlers risk infections and health problems that may require medical attention, and may prevent parents from attending work or school, thereby hurting the family's economic prospects and well-being; and

**WHEREAS**, the people of Carrboro 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 necessities required to thrive and reach their full potential; and

**WHEREAS**, Carrboro 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;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Barbara M. Foushee, Mayor of the Town of Carrboro, North Carolina, hereby proclaim September 23<sup>rd</sup> – September 29<sup>th</sup> 2024 as “Diaper Need Awareness Week” in the Town of Carrboro, and commend its observance to all citizens.

This, the 12<sup>th</sup> day of September 2024.

  
Barbara M. Foushee

