

# *Proclamation*

## DIAPER NEED AWARENESS WEEK

WHEREAS, diapers are essential for infants, toddlers, and young children who are not yet toilet-trained, and necessary for participation in early education programs, childcare, and daily life in Carrboro; and

WHEREAS, national research reports that 1 in 2 families struggle to secure enough diapers to keep their children clean, dry, and healthy due to insufficient income, and families here in Carrboro are not immune to this challenge; and

WHEREAS, diaper need can negatively affect children's health and well-being, leading to rashes, infections, and unnecessary medical visits, while increasing stress for caregivers in Carrboro households; and

WHEREAS, the lack of diapers can result in missed work or school for Carrboro parents and caregivers due to a lack of access to childcare; and

WHEREAS, addressing diaper need in Carrboro strengthens families, reduces poverty-related stressors, and fosters healthier, more equitable communities that reflect our town's longstanding values of inclusion and care for neighbors; and

WHEREAS, the Diaper Bank of North Carolina, in partnership with Carrboro organizations, schools, and service providers, has provided and distributed 115,616 diapers to Carrboro families, ensuring that children are clean, dry, and healthy; and

THEREFORE, I, Mayor Barbara M. Foushee, do hereby proclaim September 15–21, 2025, as **DIAPER NEED AWARENESS WEEK** in Carrboro, and encourage all residents to support efforts to end diaper need in our community. I thank the Diaper Bank of North Carolina, along with Carrboro partners, volunteers, and donors, for their vital service.

This, the 16<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2025.

  
Barbara M. Foushee

