



Proclamation



DIAPER NEED AWARENESS WEEK

WHEREAS, diaper need, the condition of not having a sufficient supply of clean diapers to ensure that infants and toddlers are clean, healthy and dry, can adversely affect the health and welfare of infants, toddlers, their families, and their communities; and

WHEREAS, National Diaper Need Awareness Week was launched by the National Diaper Bank Network in 2012; now in its 9th year, this initiative provides an opportunity for individuals, communities, organizations and elected officials to work together in the effort to eliminate diaper need; and

WHEREAS, the National Diaper Bank Network reports that diapers cost \$70 to \$80 per month for each baby; 1 in 3 families struggle with diaper need with the poorest 20 percent of Americans spending nearly 14 percent of their post-tax income on diapers; however, diapers cannot be obtained with food stamps, and other government programs do not recognize diapers as a basic need; and

WHEREAS, basic hygiene items, such as diapers, are some of the most critical supplies needed by those who are displaced by natural disasters or other catastrophes, and the National Diaper Bank Network and the Diaper Bank of North Carolina mobilize to meet these needs; for example, in the aftermath of Hurricane Florence, the Diaper Bank of North Carolina distributed over 3 million diapers; and

WHEREAS, a supply of diapers is generally an eligibility requirement for infants and toddlers to participate in many childcare and early education programs; without a reliable source of clean diapers, children will be shut out of these developmental opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Carrboro is proud to support community organizations such as the Diaper Bank of North Carolina; those who wish to contribute can visit their website (<https://ncdiaperbank.org/>) to donate and learn about volunteer opportunities; those who need assistance can also visit the website or call (919) 866-8085 to learn how to receive diapers and access other programs offered by the Diaper Bank of North Carolina such as free potty training classes, feminine hygiene products and adult incontinence supplies.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Lydia E. Lavelle, Mayor of the Town of Carrboro, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the week of September 21st through September 27th, 2020 as “**Diaper Need Awareness Week**” in the Town of Carrboro. I encourage residents of Carrboro to donate generously to diaper banks and diaper drives, maybe even host your own diaper drive or volunteer in some capacity to ensure that all in our community are provided with diapers and other products to meet their basic hygiene needs.

This, the 21st day of September 2020.



Lydia E. Lavelle, Mayor