



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

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

WHEREAS: National surveys report that one in three mothers experience diaper need at some point during the first three years of their child's life, and forty-eight percent of families delay changing a diaper to extend their supply; and

WHEREAS: The average child requires approximately 50 diaper changes per week over three years; and

WHEREAS: Diapers cannot be bought with food stamps or Women and Infant Children (WIC) vouchers; therefore, obtaining a sufficient supply of diapers can cause economic hardship; and

WHEREAS: A supply of diapers is often an eligibility requirement for infants and toddlers to participate in childcare and early education programs; and

WHEREAS: Addressing this need can provide low-income families greater economic opportunity and can lead to improved health for children, families, and communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of September 26, 2016 - October 2, 2016, as:

DIAPER NEED AWARENESS WEEK

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 2nd day of August.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE