



CERTIFICATE of RECOGNITION

By virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution of Virginia in the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, there is hereby officially recognized:

Virginia 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 three families struggle with not having an adequate quantity of diapers and 48 percent of families delay changing a diaper to extend their supply; and,

WHEREAS, children go through 6 to 12 diapers each day during the two to three years they wear them, consuming 14 percent of a low-wage family's post-tax income, and making it difficult to obtain a sufficient supply; and,

WHEREAS, a daily or weekly quantity of diapers is generally an eligibility requirement for children to participate in child care 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 impacting their overall wellbeing; and,

WHEREAS, citizens of Virginia recognize that diaper need is a public health issue, and addressing this need can improve the health of children, as well as provide economic opportunity for families and communities to ensure all children and families have access to the basic necessities required to thrive; and,

WHEREAS, Virginia is proud to be home to the Virginia Diaper Bank Network that recognizes the importance of diapers in ensuring health and providing economic stability for families and thus distributes diapers to families through various channels;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Glenn Youngkin, do hereby recognize September 24–October 2, 2022 as **DIAPER NEED AWARENESS WEEK** in the COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA and call this observance to the attention of our citizens.





Governor



Secretary of the Commonwealth