



PROCLAMATION

ONE CITY. ONE JACKSONVILLE.

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 the available supply; and

WHEREAS: Purchasing enough diapers to keep a baby or toddler clean, dry, and healthy can consume 14 percent of a low-wage family's post-tax income, making it difficult to provide the necessary supply; and

WHEREAS: Without enough diapers, babies and toddlers risk infections and health problems that may require medical attention, and parents may be prevented from accessing childcare needed to go to work or school; and

WHEREAS: Jacksonville is proud to be home to trusted community-based organizations, including the Diaper Bank for Northeast Florida, that recognize the importance of diapers in ensuring health and providing economic stability for families and thus distribute diapers to families through various channels; and

WHEREAS: Through their important work of addressing diaper need, these diaper banks, their staff, and volunteers play a critical role in supporting families, improving infant health and wellbeing, and advancing our local and state economic growth.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DONNA DEEGAN, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim September 18 – 24, 2023 as

DIAPER NEED AWARENESS WEEK

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to recognize and support the vital work done by the Diaper Bank for Northeast Florida, its volunteers, and other organizations to address diaper need in our community.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 25th Day of Aug. in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.


MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA