

Proclamation



Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, diapers are a basic necessity for families with infants, toddlers, and people with medical conditions, and are important for happiness, cleanliness and dignity; and

WHEREAS, national surveys indicate that one in three families struggle with diaper need, and forty-eight percent of families report delay in changing diapers to extend their supply due to the high cost that can run as much as \$100 per month, which is a struggle for people already experiencing budget constraints with housing, food, child care, and utilities; and

WHEREAS, the **National Diaper Bank Network** (NDBN) was founded in 2011 to raise awareness throughout the United States that families have difficulty keeping their infants and toddlers clean, healthy and dry because they cannot afford the basic necessity of a diaper; and

WHEREAS, with approximately twelve diapers a day required for an infant and eight per day for a toddler, there are no government programs or assistance available to low-income families for diapers, and further difficulty arises when they do not have the required diapers mandated by childcare facilities, creating loss of work and income; and

WHEREAS, the National Diaper Bank Network created **Diaper Need Awareness Week** in 2012, and it is held annually in the month of September with the support of a grassroots network consisting of well over 200 diaper banks throughout the nation, including locally The Junior League of Tampa Diaper Bank, and the mission is to collect donated diapers, purchase diapers with monetary donations, and ensure families in the community get the diapers they need; and

WHEREAS, **The Junior League of Tampa Diaper Bank** is Hillsborough County's first and only diaper bank, and the organization combat diaper need in our community by encouraging residents to donate generously through diaper drives and events, and then supply needed diapers to programs that distribute them to families in the Tampa Bay area.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jane Castor, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim September 23-29, 2019 as

“DIAPER NEED AWARENESS WEEK”

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to participate in programs such as The Junior League of Tampa Diaper Bank that assist the less fortunate families in our community with vital needed diapers.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 13th day of September, 2019.





Mayor