

**State of Vermont**  
**Executive Department**  
**A Proclamation**

- 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 struggles with diaper need 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 diapers; 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 obtain a sufficient supply; and
- WHEREAS,** a daily or weekly supply of diapers is generally an eligibility requirement for babies and toddlers 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 well-being; and
- WHEREAS,** Vermont recognizes that addressing diaper need can lead to economic opportunity for the state's families and communities and improved health for children, thus ensuring all children and families have access to the basic necessities required to thrive and reach their full potential; and
- WHEREAS,** Vermont is proud to be home to trusted community-based organizations, including the Junior League of Champlain Valley Diaper Bank, that recognize the importance of diapers in ensuring health and providing economic stability for families and thus distribute diapers to families through various channels.

**NOW, THEREFORE,**

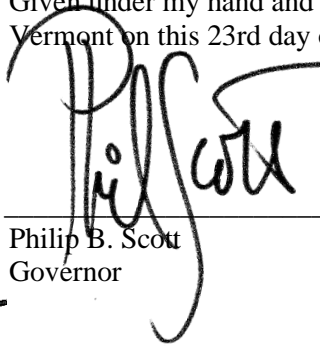
I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim September 23-29, 2019 as

**DIAPER NEED AWARENESS WEEK**

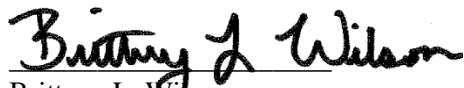
in Vermont and encourage Vermonters who are able to donate to diaper banks, diaper drives, and organizations who collect and distribute diapers to those struggling with diaper need.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 23rd day of September, A.D. 2019.



Philip B. Scott  
Governor



Brittney L. Wilson  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs