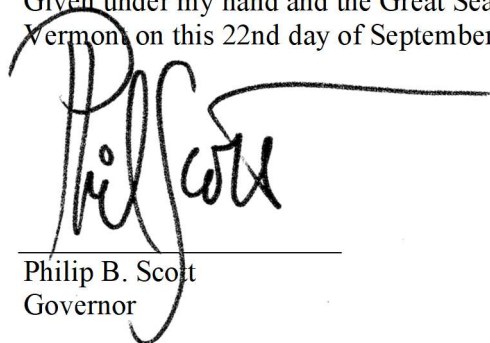


State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation


- WHEREAS,** diaper need, the condition of not being able to afford a sufficient supply of clean diapers to keep babies and toddlers clean, dry, and healthy, can adversely affect the health and well-being of children and their families; and
- WHEREAS,** national surveys and research studies report that nearly one in two families struggles with diaper need, and 48 percent of families delay changing a diaper to extend the available 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 that enable children to thrive and parents to work; and
- WHEREAS,** many parents struggling with diaper need report missing an average of five days of work each month due to an insufficient supply of diapers; and
- WHEREAS,** without enough diapers, babies and toddlers risk infections and health problems that may require medical attention resulting in medical costs, and parents may be prevented from accessing childcare needed to go to work or school, thereby destabilizing the family's economic prospects and well-being; and
- WHEREAS,** the people of Vermont recognize that diaper need is a public health issue, and addressing diaper need can lead to economic opportunity for the state's families and communities and improved health for children, ensuring all children and families have access to the necessities required to thrive and reach their full potential; and
- WHEREAS,** Vermont is proud to be home to trusted community-based organizations including Felicia's, Inc., 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, diaper banks play a critical role in supporting families, improving infant health and wellbeing, and advancing our local and state economic growth.
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim the week of September 23 – 29, 2024 as

DIAPER NEED AWARENESS WEEK
in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 22nd day of September, A.D. 2024.


Philip B. Scott
Governor




Brittney J. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs