



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, access to a reliable supply of clean diapers is a necessity for the health and welfare of infants and toddlers, their families, and child and health providers; and

WHEREAS, the average infant or toddler requires an average of 50 diaper changes per week over three years; and

WHEREAS, providing a sufficient supply of diapers can reduce economic pressure on needy families; and

WHEREAS, a supply of diapers is generally an eligibility requirement for infants and toddlers to participate in childcare programs and quality early education programs; and

WHEREAS, when infants and toddlers cannot participate in childcare programs, it makes it very difficult for their parents and guardians to participate in the workforce, thereby causing economic harm to many families; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee is proud to be served by agencies and organizations that recognize the importance of diapers in helping to provide economic stability for families; and

WHEREAS, Tennesseans are encouraged to donate generously to diaper banks, diaper drives, and to those organizations that distribute diapers to families in need;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the week of September 26th through October 2nd, 2016 as

*Infant's and Children's
Diaper Need Awareness Week*

in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this fourteenth day of July, 2016.

Bill Haslam

Governor

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Secretary of State