



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, the people of Tennessee recognize that economic opportunity for individuals can lead to improved health for families and their communities; and

**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 care 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 infant and toddlers to participate in childcare 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 home to Diaper Love, Catholic Charities of Tennessee, Inc., Operation Swaddling Clothes, and Tri-Cities Diaper Ministry, which distribute diapers to poor families through various channels;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the week of September 9-15, 2013, as

*Infants and Childrens  
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 twenty-second day of July, 2013.

Handwritten signature of Bill Haslam in blue ink.

Governor

Handwritten signature of Lee Hargett in blue ink.

Secretary of State

