



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 six 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,** the people of Cutler Bay 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, thus ensuring all children and families have access to the basic necessities required to thrive and reach their full potential; and
- WHEREAS,** Cutler Bay is proud to be home to trusted community-based organizations 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,** these diaper banks and their staff and volunteers served on the front lines of Cutler Bay's COVID-19 pandemic response helping families in our communities weather the crisis; and
- WHEREAS,** while experiencing double, triple, or greater increase in demand for diapers due to the pandemic and economic shutdown, these diaper banks did everything in their ability to increase diaper distributions and support children and families in need of immediate assistance; now

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, I, Tim Meerbott, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the Town of Cutler Bay and on behalf of the Town Council call upon the good people of the Town do hereby proclaim the week of September 21st through September 27th, 2020 as

Diaper Need Awareness Week

in the Town of Cutler Bay, thank the aforementioned diaper banks, their staff, volunteers and donors, for their courageous service during the crisis, and encourage the citizens of Cutler Bay to donate generously to diaper banks, diaper drives, and those organizations that collect and distribute diapers to those struggling with diaper need, so that all of Cutler Bay's children and families can thrive and reach their full potential.

Dated this 21st day of September, 2020.

Attest:

Debra E. Eastman, MMC
Town Clerk

Mayor Tim Meerbott
Vice Mayor Sue Ellen Loyzelle
Council Member Robert "BJ" Duncan
Council Member Michael P. Callahan
Council Member Roger Coriat

