

# Proclamation

## by Governor Jim Justice

- Whereas,** 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 struggle with diaper needs and 48% 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 childcare 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 West Virginia 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 necessities required to thrive and reach their full potential; and
- Whereas,** through their important work of addressing diaper need, diaper banks play a critical role in supporting families, improving infant health and well-being, and advancing our local and State economic growth.

**Now, Therefore,** Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *September 23-29, 2024* as:


### *National Diaper Need Awareness Week*

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in this observance.


**In Witness Whereof,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

**Done** at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Twelfth day of August, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Four, and in the One Hundred Sixty-Second year of the State.



  
Jim Justice  
Governor

*By the Governor:*

  
Mac Warner  
Secretary of State