



# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, “diaper need,” or 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**, according to national surveys and research, one in three families struggles with diaper need and 48 percent of families delay changing a diaper to extend their supply, putting babies and toddlers at risk for infections and health problems; and

**WHEREAS**, purchasing enough diapers can consume 14 percent of a low-wage family’s post-tax income, making it difficult to obtain an adequate supply of diapers; and

**WHEREAS**, many parents struggle with diaper need and report missing an average of four days of work each month due to an insufficient supply of diapers; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to being a public health issue, diaper need creates workforce problems for small businesses and hurts the local economy; and

**WHEREAS**, addressing diaper need can lead to economic stability for Hawaii’s families and communities and improve health outcomes for children; and

**WHEREAS**, Hawai’i is proud to be the home of reliable, community-based organizations such as the Hawai’i Diaper Bank and Aloha Diaper Bank, which distribute diapers to families through various channels; and

**WHEREAS**, diaper banks and the staff and volunteers who run them are community leaders and logistics experts who ensure a stable and sustainable supply of basic necessities for members of their communities;

**THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the State of Hawai’i**, do hereby proclaim September 24 – October 2, 2022 as

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in Hawai’i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join me in raising awareness about diaper need and recognizing diaper banks, their volunteers, advocates, and donors for their unwavering service to our communities.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai’i, this twenty-fourth day of September 2022.

  
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DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai’i