

Proclamation



Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, diapers are a necessity for families with infants, toddlers, and people with medical conditions, and are important for happiness, cleanliness, and dignity, and the lack of a sufficient supply of diapers can adversely affect the health of those who need them; and

WHEREAS, national surveys indicate that one in three families struggle with diaper needs, and forty-eight percent of families report delaying changing diapers to extend their available supply due to the high cost, which is a struggle for people already experiencing budget constraints with housing, food, child care, and utilities, and purchasing enough diapers to keep an infant or toddler clean, dry and healthy can consume as much as fourteen percent of a low-income family's post tax income; and

WHEREAS, with approximately twelve diapers a day required for an infant and eight per day for a toddler, there are no government programs or assistance available to low-income families for diapers, and further difficulty arises when they do not have the required diapers mandated by childcare facilities, creating loss of work and income, and the lack of adequate diapers can cause health problems such as infections, so additional time off work and medical expenses can arise; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1926, **The Junior League of Tampa** is comprised of approximately 1,900 dedicated women committed to promoting volunteerism, and for almost a century, it's trained volunteers, programs and projects have been aimed toward making a better place for women, children, and families in the Tampa Bay community; and

WHEREAS, **The Junior League of Tampa Diaper Bank** is Hillsborough County's first and only diaper bank, and the organization combats diaper need in our community by encouraging residents to donate generously through diaper drives and events, and then supply needed diapers to programs that distribute them to families in the Tampa Bay area.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jane Castor, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim September 18 – September 24, 2023, as

“DIAPER NEED AWARENESS WEEK”

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to participate in programs such as The Junior League of Tampa Diaper Bank that assist the less fortunate families in our community with critically needed diapers.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 8th day of September 2023.



Jane Castor
Mayor