

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 two families struggle with diaper needs, and forty-six percent of families report having to reduce other essential expenditures, with the most common reductions being in food and utilities, underscoring the financial strain caused by the high cost of diapers; 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 supply required by childcare facilities, 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, the **Tampa Bay Diaper Bank** was launched as an independent nonprofit organization in 2025, after originally being established in 2018 by The Junior League of Tampa, and focuses on providing diapers to families in need by partnering with community organizations to combat diaper need sustainably in Hillsborough County; and

WHEREAS, by encouraging residents to donate generously through diaper drives and events to increase awareness, the **Tampa Bay Diaper Bank** supplies much-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 15 – September 21, 2025, as

“DIAPER NEED AWARENESS WEEK”

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

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 15th day of September 2025.



Jane Castor

Mayor