

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

DIAPER NEED AWARENESS WEEK SEPTEMBER 24 – OCTOBER 2, 2022

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 in the United States, national surveys and research studies report that 1 in 3 families struggle with diaper need, and 48 percent of families delay changing a diaper to extend the available supply; and

WHEREAS, infants and toddlers go through six to 12 diapers each day during the two to three years they wear diapers; and 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 provide the necessary 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 that enable children to thrive and parents to work; and without enough diapers, babies and toddlers risk infections and health problems that may require medical attention resulting in medical costs; and

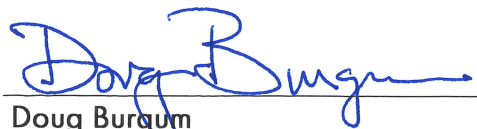
WHEREAS, parents struggling with diaper need report missing an average of four days of work each month due to an insufficient supply of diapers; and parents missing work due to diaper need hinders their ability to provide financially, creates workforce problems for small businesses and hurts the local economy; and

WHEREAS, North Dakotans 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, ensuring all children and families have access to the basic necessities required to reach their full potential; 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; and 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, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim
September 24 – October 2, 2022, **DIAPER NEED AWARENESS WEEK** in the
State of North Dakota.




Doug Burgum
GOVERNOR

ATTEST: 
Alvin A. Jaeger
SECRETARY OF STATE