

ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION No. 122

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Declares week of September 21 through September 27, 2020 as “Diaper Need Awareness Week.”

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 **AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION** declaring the week of September 21
2 through September 27, 2020 as “Diaper Need Awareness Week.”

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4 **WHEREAS**, Diaper Need is the condition of not having a sufficient
5 supply of clean diapers to ensure that infants and toddlers are clean,
6 healthy, and dry; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Diaper Need can adversely affect the health and welfare of
8 infants, toddlers, and their families; and

9 **WHEREAS**, National surveys report that one in three mothers
10 experience Diaper Need at some time while their children are less
11 than three years of age, and forty-eight percent of families delay
12 changing a diaper to extend their supply; and

13 **WHEREAS**, The average infant or toddler requires an average of 50
14 diaper changes per week over three years; and

15 **WHEREAS**, Diapers cannot be bought with food stamps or WIC
16 vouchers, therefore, obtaining a sufficient supply of diapers can
17 cause economic hardship to low-income families; and

18 **WHEREAS**, A supply of diapers is generally an eligibility requirement
19 for infants and toddlers to participate in childcare programs and
20 quality early education programs; and

21 **WHEREAS**, The people of New Jersey recognize that addressing
22 Diaper Need can lead to economic opportunity for the state’s low-
23 income families and can lead to improved health for families and
24 their communities; and

25 **WHEREAS**, New Jersey is proud to be home to various community
26 organizations that recognize the importance of diapers in helping
27 provide economic stability for families and distribute diapers to
28 poor families through various channels; and

29 **WHEREAS**, It is altogether fitting and proper that the General
30 Assembly of the State of New Jersey honor “Diaper Need
31 Awareness Week” to promote general awareness of Diaper Need
32 and promote efforts to alleviate Diaper Need; now, therefore,

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34 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the General Assembly of the State of New*
35 *Jersey:*

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37 1. This House declares the week of September 21 through
38 September 27, 2020 as “Diaper Need Awareness Week” in the State
39 of New Jersey, in order to foster public awareness of Diaper Need
40 and encourage citizens to donate generously to local diaper banks,
41 diaper drives, and those organizations that distribute diapers to
42 families in need to help alleviate Diaper Need in New Jersey.

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44 2. All governmental agencies in this State are urged to observe
45 “Diaper Need Awareness Week” by organizing diaper drives to
46 gather donations to support diaper banks and other organizations
47 working to alleviate Diaper Need.

1 3. The Governor is requested to issue a proclamation calling
2 upon public officials and the citizens of this State to observe
3 "Diaper Need Awareness Week" with appropriate activities and
4 programs.

STATEMENT

9 This resolution declares the week of September 21 through
10 September 27, 2020 as “Diaper Need Awareness Week” in New
11 Jersey. Diaper Need is defined as the condition of not having a
12 sufficient supply of clean diapers to ensure that infants and toddlers
13 are clean, healthy, and dry. National surveys report that one in
14 three mothers experience Diaper Need at some time while their
15 children are less than three years of age, and forty-eight percent of
16 families delay changing a diaper to extend their supply. Diaper
17 Need can adversely affect the health and welfare of infants,
18 toddlers, and their families, and can deny children eligibility for
19 childcare and early education programs.

20 The resolution urges governmental agencies in this State to
21 observe “Diaper Need Awareness Week” by organizing diaper
22 drives, and requests the Governor to issue a proclamation calling
23 upon public officials and the citizens of this State to observe
24 "Diaper Need Awareness Week" with appropriate activities and
25 programs.