



Town of Southern Shores

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A PROCLAMATION

Diaper Need Awareness Week, September 18-September 24, 2023

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

WHEREAS, the latest study from the National Diaper Bank Network reports that one in two families struggles with diaper need, an increase from previous studies done in 2010 and 2017; and

WHEREAS, 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 obtain a sufficient 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; and

WHEREAS, without enough diapers, babies and toddlers risk infections and health problems that may require medical attention, and may prevent parents from attending work or school, thereby hurting the family's economic prospects and well-being; and

WHEREAS, the Southern Shores community recognizes that diaper need is a public health issue, and addressing diaper need can lead to economic opportunity for our families and community and improved health for children, thus ensuring all children and families have access to the basic necessities required to thrive and reach their full potential; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Southern Shores is proud to be home to trusted community-based organizations including Children & Youth Partnership for Dare County that recognize the importance of diapers in ensuring health and providing economic stability for families and thus distribute diapers to families through various channels.

WE, THE TOWN OF SOUTHERN SHORES do hereby proclaim the week of September 18-September 24, 2023 as **DIAPER NEED AWARENESS WEEK**.

We thank Children & Youth Partnership, their staff and donors for their service through CYP's Diaper Bank, and encourage the citizens of our community to support CYP's Diaper Bank to help ensure that all Dare County children and families have what they need to thrive.

Elizabeth Morey, Mayor

Sheila Kane, Town Clerk