

# Proclamation

by Governor Patrick Morrisey

- Whereas,** diaper need, the condition of not being able to afford a sufficient supply of clean diapers to keep babies and toddlers clean, dry, and healthy, can adversely affect the health and well-being of children and their families; and
- Whereas,** national surveys and research studies report that nearly one in two families struggle with diaper needs and 48% of families delay changing a diaper to extend the available supply; and
- Whereas,** a daily or weekly supply of diapers is generally an eligibility requirement for babies and toddlers to participate in childcare programs and quality early-education programs that enable children to thrive and parents to work; and
- Whereas,** many parents struggling with diaper need report missing an average of five days of work each month due to an insufficient supply of diapers; and
- Whereas,** without enough diapers, babies and toddlers risk infections and health problems that may require medical attention, which result in medical costs and parents may be prevented from accessing childcare needed to go to work or school, thereby destabilizing the family's economic prospects and well-being; and
- Whereas,** West Virginia is proud to be home to trusted community-based organizations that recognize the importance of diapers in ensuring health and providing economic stability for families and thus distribute diapers to families through various channels; and
- Whereas,** 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,** Be it Resolved that I, Patrick Morrisey, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *September 15-21, 2025* as:

## *National Diaper Need Awareness Week*

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in this observance.

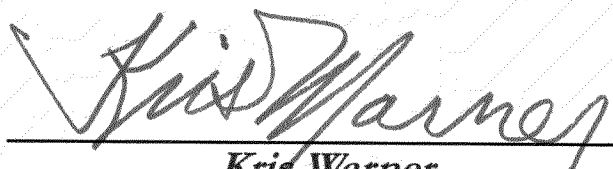
**In Witness Whereof,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

**Done** at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Twenty-First day of September, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Five, and in the One Hundred Sixty-Third Year of the State.



Patrick Morrisey  
Governor

By the Governor:



Kris Warner  
Secretary of State