

**CITY OF NEWPORT**  
**PROCLAMATION**

- WHEREAS,** Diaper Need, the condition of not having a sufficient supply of clean diapers to ensure that infants and toddlers are clean, healthy and dry, can adversely affect the health and welfare of infants, toddlers and their families; and
- WHEREAS,** national surveys report that one in three mothers experiencing diaper need at some time while their children are less than three years of age and forty-eight percent of families delay changing a diaper to extend their supply; and
- WHEREAS,** the average infant or toddler requires an average of 50 diaper changes per week over three years; and
- WHEREAS,** diapers cannot be bought with food stamps or WIC vouchers, therefore obtaining a sufficient supply of diapers can cause economic hardship to families; and
- WHEREAS,** a supply of diapers is generally an eligibility requirement for infant and toddlers to participate in childcare programs and quality early education programs; and
- WHEREAS,** the people of Newport recognize that addressing Diaper Need can lead to economic opportunity for the state's low-income families and can lead to improved health for families and their communities; and
- WHEREAS,** Newport is proud to be home to various community organizations that recognize the importance of diapers in helping provide economic stability for families and distribute diapers to poor families through various channels. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT**

**RESOLVED:** that I, Jeanne-Marie Napolitano, Mayor of the City of Newport in the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, do hereby proclaim the week of September 26<sup>th</sup> through October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016, as

**"DIAPER NEED AWARENESS WEEK"**

in the City of Newport and encourage the citizens of Newport to donate generously to diaper banks, diaper drives, and those organizations that distribute diapers to families in need to help alleviate diaper need in Newport and environs.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Newport to be affixed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of August in the year of our Lord 2016.



  
Jeanne-Marie Napolitano  
Mayor