



## City of Warwick Mayoral 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 Warwick 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;** Warwick 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, SCOTT AVEDISIAN, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WARWICK, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM

**September 26 through October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016**

**as**

**Diaper Need Awareness Week**

In the City of Warwick, urge all citizens in our community to donate generously to diaper banks, diaper drives, and those organizations that distribute diapers to families in need in Warwick.



In recognition whereof I have hereby set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Warwick to be hereunto affixed this 26th day of September 2016.

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Scott Avedisian  
Mayor