

*The Board of Supervisors of
Contra Costa County, California*

In the matter of:

Resolution No. 2018/528

In the matter of Recognizing October 2018 as Diaper Need Awareness Month

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 experience 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, a newborn infant can go through up to twelve diapers a day and the average infant or toddler requires an average of at least 50 diaper changes per week over three years; and

Whereas, for families in the lowest income quintile, diapers can account for 14% of a monthly budget, therefore obtaining a sufficient supply of diapers can cause economic hardship to families; and

Whereas, diapers can be purchased with TANF benefits, yet only 27% of families with children in poverty receive TANF; and

Whereas, costing as much as \$150.00 a month, when a family must decide between utilities, food or diapers, many children are left to wear a soiled diaper until it falls apart, wear a paper towel at home or wear a "used" diaper, one where the stool was removed and is still dry enough to reuse; and

Whereas, more than 874 emergency room and inpatient hospital visits of conditions known to be caused by diaper need were reported in 2017 in Contra Costa County; and

Whereas, a supply of diapers is generally an eligibility requirement for infant and toddlers to participate in childcare and early education programs, and therefore a barrier to employment; and

Whereas, 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, Sweet Beginnings Family Resource Center is working towards being recognized as the 20th Diaper Bank in California; and

Whereas, Sweet Beginnings partners with the Women, Infant and Children (WIC) agency in Contra Costa, as well as First 5 Contra Costa, to supply 5000 diapers a month to their families; and

Whereas, SupplyBank.Org’s Diaper Kit Assistance distributes 18,000 Talk.Read.Sing branded diapers and 36,000 baby wipes monthly through the Concord Women, Infant and Children (WIC) agency in Contra Costa County; and

Whereas, supplying diapers helps provide economic stability for families in Contra Costa.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County does hereby proclaim October, 2018 as Diaper Need Awareness Month, and encourages all residents to donate to diaper banks, diaper drives, and those organizations that distribute diapers to families in need to help alleviate diaper need.

KAREN MITCHOFF
Chair, District IV Supervisor

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District V Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: October 16, 2018

David J. Twa,

By: _____, Deputy