The Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California

In the matter of proclaiming September 22-28, 2019 as "Diaper Need Awareness Week" in Contra Costa County

Resolution No. 2019/562

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 at least fifty diaper changes per week over three years; and

WHEREAS, there are no government assistance programs for the purchase or provision of diapers, and a monthly supply of diapers can cost as much as six percent of a full-time minimum wage worker's salary, 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 infants and toddlers to participate in childcare programs and quality early education programs; and

WHEREAS, the people of Contra Costa County 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, Contra Costa County 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 the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County does hereby proclaim the week of September 22nd - 28th, 2019 as "Diaper Need Awareness Week" in Contra Costa County, and does encourage the citizens of Contra Costa County to donate generously to diaper banks, diaper drives, and those organizations that distribute diapers to families in need to help alleviate diaper need.

PASSED by a unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors members present this 10th day of September, 2019.

ABSENT

JOHN GIOIA

Chair,

District I Supervisor

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District II Supervisor

KAREN MITCHOFF

District IV Supervisor

DIANE BURGIS

District III Supervisor

FEDERAL D. GLOVER

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: September 10, 2019

DAVID TWA, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors and County Administrator

By Stephanie Wello, Deputy