

BY: Senator MAY

MEMORIALIZING Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim
September 21-27, 2020, as Diaper Need Awareness Week
in the State of New York

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, 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, and a sufficient 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 New York 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, New York is proud to be home to various community organizations including: the Central New York Diaper Bank, the Allied Foundation of Melville, Good Plus Foundation of NYC, Every Bottom Covered of Buffalo, the Junior League of Central Westchester, Kids in Need of Diapers Project of Owego, Little Essentials of NYC, NYC Mamas Give Back, ROC City Bottoms Diaper Bank of Rochester, the Food Pantries of Albany, the HopeLine of the Bronx and Things of My Very Own, Inc. of Schenectady 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 this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim September 21-27, 2020, as Diaper Need Awareness Week in the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of

New York.