



# County Commissioners of Charles County

## PROCLAMATION 2025-58

### DIAPER NEED AWARENESS WEEK

**WHEREAS**, national surveys and research studies report that one in three families struggle with diaper need and 48 percent of families delay changing a diaper to extend their supply; and

**WHEREAS**, purchasing enough diapers to keep a baby or toddler clean, dry, and healthy can consume 14 percent of a low-wage family's post-tax income, making it difficult to obtain a sufficient supply; and

**WHEREAS**, a daily or weekly supply of diapers is generally an eligibility requirement for babies and toddlers to participate in childcare programs and quality early education programs; and

**WHEREAS**, without enough diapers, babies and toddlers risk infections and health problems that may require medical attention, and may prevent parents from attending work or school, thereby hurting the family's economic prospects and well-being; and

**WHEREAS**, Charles County recognizes that diaper need is a public health issue, is proud to be home to trusted community-based organizations including Maryland Diaper Bank that recognizes the importance of diapers in ensuring health and economic stability for families and addressing diaper need can lead to improved health for children; and

**WHEREAS**, the demand for diapers has increased due to the increase in cost of living and economic uncertainty, these diaper banks do everything in their ability to increase diaper distributions and support children and families in need of immediate assistance, thus ensuring all children and families have access to the necessities required to thrive and reach their full potential.

**NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND**, do hereby proclaim September 15-21, 2025 as **DIAPER NEED AWARENESS WEEK** in Charles County and encourage all residents to donate generously to diaper banks, diaper drives, and the organizations that collect and distribute diapers to those in need.

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