

WHEREAS, 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 needs while their children are less than 3 years old, and 48% of families delay changing a diaper to extend their supply leading to potential health risks for their babies, and

WHEREAS, on average, infants or toddlers require at least 50 diaper changes per week over three years, and

WHEREAS, there are no governmental assistance programs for the purchase or provision of diapers, and a sufficient supply of disposable diapers cost local families between \$70.00 to \$80.00 per month, per infant or toddler, and

WHEREAS, a supply of diapers is usually an eligibility requirement for infant and toddlers to participate in childcare and quality early education programs, and

WHEREAS, addressing diaper needs can lead to economic opportunity for the local low-income families and can lead to the improved health of babies, their families, and their communities, and

NOW THEREFORE, I, SHELLY PETROLIA, Mayor of the City of Delray Beach, Florida do hereby declare September 27, 2021 – October 3, 2021, in Delray Beach, Florida is hereby proclaimed as:

Diaper Need Awareness Week

and residents of the City of Delray Beach are encouraged to donate generously to the Junior League of Boca Raton Diaper Bank, local diaper drives, and non-profit organizations that distribute diapers to families in need.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Delray Beach, Florida, to be affixed this 23rd day of September 2021.

Shelly Petrolia
MAYOR