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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Diaper need is the lack of enough diapers to keep
3 a baby or toddler clean, dry, and healthy and is a recognized
4 public health issue that impacts the physical, mental, and
5 economic well-being of U.S. children and families; and

6 WHEREAS, Diaper need can result from poverty, unexpected
7 life hardships, natural disasters, and so much more; and

8 WHEREAS, One in two U.S. families reported experiencing
9 diaper need; and

10 WHEREAS, Nearly one in four families experiencing diaper
11 need reported missing work or school due to lack of access to
12 clean diapers needed for childcare services; and

13 WHEREAS, Families reporting diaper need encompass a wide
14 array of ages, racial groups, and income levels; of those in
15 diaper need, 96 percent are under 45 years of age with the
16 majority between 25 to 34 years of age; and

17 WHEREAS, Of those in need, two in five families said they
18 stretch the use of diapers by keeping a child in the same
19 diaper longer, which can increase a child's risk for skin
20 irritation and other serious side effects; and

1 WHEREAS, Research shows that a lack of access to clean
2 diapers leads to negative and long-lasting impacts on a
3 child's physical and mental health; and

4 WHEREAS, The National Diaper Bank Network (NDBN) has more
5 than 225 member diaper banks that have reported on average an
6 86% increase in the number of diapers distributed to families
7 compared to the previous year, with spikes of up to 800% more
8 in some cities; in 2022, the NDBN distributed more than 140
9 million diapers to families in need; no federal support
10 programs for children cover diapers, which can cost
11 approximately \$80-\$100 a month per child; and

12 WHEREAS, Diapers are a basic necessity for every baby and
13 toddler; there are many people who do not have enough money to
14 meet their basic needs, and diaper need can be a window into
15 poverty; and

16 WHEREAS, A lack of access to clean diapers can also have
17 long lasting impacts on caregiver's mental health, with over
18 half of parents experiencing diaper need reported feeling
19 judged for lacking diapers and 70 percent feeling stressed or
20 anxious about their parental responsibilities; therefore, be
21 it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
2 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
3 we declare the week of September 23-29, 2024 as "Diaper Need
4 Awareness Week" in the State of Illinois; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
6 presented to the National Diaper Bank Network Illinois
7 affiliates.