

City of Philadelphia



Council of the City of Philadelphia Office of the Chief Clerk Room 402, City Hall Philadelphia

(Resolution No. 250782)

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the week of September 15 through September 21, 2025, as Diaper Need Awareness Week in Philadelphia, and acknowledging the outstanding efforts of community-based organizations working to ensure that all children have the essential items needed to thrive and survive.

WHEREAS, Diaper insecurity is the inability to afford enough diapers to keep an infant or child dry, clean, and healthy. Diapers are one of the most crucial parts of dressing a young child, yet children experiencing diaper need face harmful health outcomes, as do their parents and caregivers. This has grown into a public health issue that negatively impacts the mental, physical, and economic health of guardians and children; and

WHEREAS, A monthly supply of diapers costs between \$50 to \$120 per child. The average infant wears up to 12 diapers a day or 360 diapers a month. There are no comprehensive state or federal government programs to help parents with this cost, and neither SNAP nor WIC benefits can be used to buy diapers; and

WHEREAS, Studies show that one in three families nationally experience diaper insecurity, causing them to choose between buying diapers and other necessary expenditures, such as food, healthcare, and utilities. Low-income and Black and Brown families are disproportionately affected by diaper insecurity, due to unemployment, lack of education, homelessness, limited access to resources, and food insecurity; and

WHEREAS, The impact of diaper insecurity has heightened the risk of maternal depression, infections in children, and increases the likelihood of being denied admittance into childcare facilities due to not having a sufficient diaper supply. Lack of diapers can lead to health issues for babies and high levels of stress for caregivers; and

WHEREAS, Philadelphia is proud to be home to many organizations working to address diaper insecurity, including Cradles to Crayons, the Center for Leadership/Fresh Bottoms Diaper Bank, Pampers and Diaper My Baby, Mitzvah Circle Foundation, and The Greater Philadelphia Diaper Bank, that recognize the importance of diapers in ensuring health and providing economic

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stability for families and distribute diapers to families through various channels; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, Hereby recognize the week of September 15 through September 21, 2025, as Diaper Need Awareness Week in the City of Philadelphia and acknowledge the outstanding efforts of community-based organizations which continue to ensure that all children have the essential items needed to thrive and survive.

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CERTIFICATION: This is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution, Adopted by the Council of the City of Philadelphia on the eighteenth day of September, 2025.

Kenyatta Johnson
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Elizabeth McCollum
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmember Landau

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Landau, Phillips, Gilmore Richardson,
Gauthier, Thomas, Brooks, Harrity, O'Rourke, Driscoll, Squilla
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