

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** diaper need, the condition of not having a sufficient supply of clean diapers to ensure infants and toddlers are clean, healthy, and dry, can adversely affect the health and welfare of infants, toddlers, and their families; and

**WHEREAS,** it is estimated that as many as 1 in 3 mothers and 48 percent of families experiencing diaper need at some time before their child reaches the age of three delay changing a diaper to extend their supply; and

**WHEREAS,** the typical infant or toddler requires an average of 50 diaper changes per week over 3 years, resulting in economic hardship to some families; and

**WHEREAS,** because a supply of diapers is generally an eligibility requirement for participation in childcare and quality early childhood programs, addressing diaper need can lead to improved health and greater economic opportunity for low-income families.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 28 - October 4, 2015, as

### DIAPER NEED AWARENESS WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the importance of diapers in providing economic stability for families and work together to help alleviate diaper need in the Palmetto State.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Nikki R. Haley".

**NIKKI R. HALEY**  
**GOVERNOR**  
**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**