

**P R O C L A M A T I O N**

**Diaper Need Awareness Week  
September 28 – October 4, 2015**

- WHEREAS:** Diaper Need, the condition of 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 experiencing diaper need at some time while their children are less than three years of age and forty-eight percent of families delay changing a diaper to extend their supply; and
- WHEREAS:** The average infant or toddler requires an average of 50 diaper changes per week over three years; and
- WHEREAS:** Diapers cannot be bought with food stamps or WIC vouchers, therefore obtaining a sufficient supply of diapers can cause economic hardship to families; and
- WHEREAS:** A supply of diapers is generally an eligibility requirement for infants and toddlers to participate in childcare programs and quality early education programs; and
- WHEREAS:** The people of Hinesville recognize addressing Diaper Need can lead to economic opportunity for the state’s low-income families and can lead to improved health for families and their communities; and
- WHEREAS:** Hinesville is proud to be home to various community organizations such as Cover Me Diaper Bank, Inc. that recognize the importance of diapers in helping provide economic stability for families and distribute diapers to poor families through various channels.

**NOW, THEREFORE I,** James Thomas, Jr., Mayor of the City of Hinesville do hereby declare and proclaim September 28 through October 4, 2015 as:

**“Diaper Need Awareness Week”**

in the City of Hinesville and encourage the residents of Hinesville to donate generously to diaper banks, diaper drives and those organizations that distribute diapers to families in need to help alleviate diaper need in Hinesville and the community.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have here unto set my hand and caused the great Seal of the City of Hinesville to be affixed this 17th day of September in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Fifteen and in the year of our City One Hundred Seventy Eight.

**Attest:**

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Billy Edwards, City Manager

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James Thomas, Jr., Mayor  
City of Hinesville

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