Resolution No. 1101-2025

By Council Member Howse-Jones

FOR ADOPTION
September 15, 2025

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION
Recognizing National Diaper Need Awareness Week, observed September 15 through 21, 2025, in the City of Cleveland; and honoring and thanking the Diaper Bank of Greater Cleveland for its ongoing commitment to supporting families in need.

WHEREAS, diaper need, the lack of a sufficient supply of diapers to keep an infant or child clean, dry, and healthy, is a critical issue affecting families across the United States, including many in the City of Cleveland; and

WHEREAS, a 2023 survey by the National Diaper Bank Network found that one in two U.S. families with young children experience diaper need at some point, impacting the health and economic well-being of children and families; and

WHEREAS, infants require up to 12 diapers per day, at a cost of $70 to $80 per month per child, a burden that is often unaffordable for low-income families who cannot use federal assistance programs like SNAP or WIC to purchase diapers; and

WHEREAS, diaper need is associated with increased health risks for babies and greater mental health challenges for caregivers, including elevated stress, depression, and anxiety; and

WHEREAS, the Diaper Bank of Greater Cleveland plays a vital role in alleviating diaper need by collecting, purchasing, and distributing free diapers to families through a network of social service agencies, nonprofits, and community partners; and

WHEREAS, since its founding, the Diaper Bank of Greater Cleveland has distributed hundreds of thousands of diapers to families in need throughout the Greater Cleveland area, helping to promote dignity, health, and stability; and

WHEREAS, National Diaper Need Awareness Week, observed from September 15 through September 21, 2025, provides an opportunity to raise public awareness about diaper need, to support organizations working to address it, and to encourage community involvement and policy change; and

WHEREAS, Cleveland City Council recognizes the vital importance of ensuring that all families have access to basic necessities, including diapers, and commends the Diaper Bank of Greater Cleveland for its leadership and advocacy in meeting this critical need; and

WHEREAS, this resolution constitutes an emergency measure for the immediate preservation of public peace, property, health or safety, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND:

Section 1.   That this Council recognizes National Diaper Need Awareness Week, observed September 15 through September 21, 2025, in the City of Cleveland; and this Council honors and thanks the Diaper Bank of Greater Cleveland for its dedication, service, and ongoing efforts to eliminate diaper need in our community.

Section 2.   That the Clerk of Council is directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to the Diaper Bank of Greater Cleveland as a token of the Council's appreciation and support.

Section 3.   That this resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and, provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

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