WHEREAS; diapers serve a critical role in ensuring the health, welfare, and safety of all infants and toddlers; and

WHEREAS; “diaper need” is the condition of not having a sufficient supply of clean diapers, which can adversely affect infants, toddlers, and their families, often disqualifying them from participating in childcare and quality early education programs; and

WHEREAS; an infant or toddler requires an average of 50 diaper changes per week over three years, and national surveys report that one in three mothers experience diaper need at some time while their children are less than three years old; and

WHEREAS; addressing diaper need can improve health and overall quality of life for all families and communities throughout our state; and

WHEREAS; various community organizations across Wisconsin acknowledge the importance of diapers, working actively to distribute them to families in need; and

WHEREAS; this week and year-round, the state of Wisconsin recognizes those organizations helping to alleviate diaper need in our state and encourages all Wisconsinites to take care of their neighbors by supporting these organizations and the families that depend on these critical supplies and resources for the health and safety of all Wisconsin kids;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim September 21 through 27, 2020, as

**DIAPER NEED AWARENESS WEEK**

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all our state’s residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 27th day of August 2020.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State