

**URGING THE SAN FRANCISCO HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION TO PROCLAIM
SEPTEMBER 24 – SEPTEMBER 28, 2018 DIAPER NEED AWARENESS WEEK.**

WHEREAS, the City and County of San Francisco Human Services Commission traditionally recognizes important opportunities to raise awareness in an effort to increase public health in our City; and

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 at least 50 diaper changes per week over three years; and

WHEREAS, for a single mother with town children receiving CalWORKs, diapers can consume as much as 28% of her household budget; and

WHEREAS, recognizing that providing diapers can improve the health and financial stability of San Francisco's lowest-income families, the City and County of San Francisco have partnered with Help a Mother Out, a non profit organization, to create the San Francisco Diaper Bank, the first and only publicly-funded diaper bank in the nation, providing a full supply of diapers each month to families receiving CalWORKs who have children under the age of three; and

WHEREAS, over the last three years the San Francisco Diaper Bank has distributed over two million diapers to low-income families; and, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Human Services Commission proclaims September 24, 2018 to September 28, 2018 Diaper Need Awareness Week in San Francisco.

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