



# Proclamation of the City Council of the City of Marathon, Florida

## DIAPER NEED AWARENESS WEEK September 23-29, 2024

**WHEREAS**, diaper need, the condition of not being able to afford a sufficient supply of clean diapers to keep babies and toddlers clean, dry, and healthy, can adversely affect the health and well-being of children and their families; and

**WHEREAS**, national surveys and research studies report that nearly one in two families struggles with diaper need, and 48 percent of families delay changing a diaper to extend the available supply; and

**WHEREAS**, a daily or weekly supply of diapers is generally an eligibility requirement for babies and toddlers to participate in child care programs and quality early-education programs that enable children to thrive and parents to work; and

**WHEREAS**, many parents struggling with diaper need report missing an average of five days of work each month due to an insufficient supply of diapers; and

**WHEREAS**, without enough diapers, babies and toddlers risk infections and health problems that may require medical attention resulting in medical costs, and parents may be prevented from accessing child care needed to go to work or school, thereby destabilizing the family's economic prospects and well-being; and

**WHEREAS**, the people of Marathon recognize that diaper need is a public health issue, and addressing diaper need can lead to economic opportunity for the state's families and communities and improved health for children, thus ensuring all children and families have access to the basic necessities required to thrive and reach their full potential; and

**WHEREAS**, Marathon is proud to be home to trusted community-based organizations, including The Florida Keys Healthy Start Coalition & Miami Diaper Bank, that recognize the importance of diapers in ensuring health and providing economic stability for families and thus distribute diapers to families through various channels.

**NOW THEREFORE**, the City of Marathon City Council hereby proclaims the week of September 23rd through September 29th, 2024 as

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Mayor Robyn Still

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*September 10, 2024*  
Date