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ACR-125 Diaper Need Awareness Week. (2017-2018)

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 125

CHAPTER 194

Relative to Diaper Need Awareness Week.

[Filed with Secretary of State September 25, 2017.]

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 125, Gonzalez Fletcher. Diaper Need Awareness Week.

This measure would proclaim the week of September 25, 2017, to October 1, 2017, as Diaper Need Awareness Week and encourage California citizens to support organizations that help alleviate diaper need.

Fiscal Committee: no

WHEREAS, Diaper need occurs when a family does not have a sufficient supply of clean diapers to ensure that infants and toddlers are clean and healthy, and can adversely affect the well-being of young children and their families; and

WHEREAS, One in three families experiences diaper need at some time while their children are less than three years of age, and nearly half of families delay changing a diaper to extend their supply; and

WHEREAS, An infant or toddler requires an average of at least 50 diaper changes per week over three years, making them a necessary supply; and

WHEREAS, Diapers cannot be purchased with CalFresh benefits or Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) vouchers; therefore, obtaining a sufficient supply of diapers can cause economic hardship for millions of families; and

WHEREAS, Diaper need creates a barrier to child care due to the common requirement that a daily supply of diapers be provided by the child's parent or guardian; and

WHEREAS, California has a vested interest in the health and economic mobility of low- and moderate-income families, and therefore in reducing diaper need; and

WHEREAS, California is proud to be home to several strong nonprofit organizations working at the state and local levels to combat diaper need; now therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature proclaims the week of September 25, 2017, to October 1, 2017, as Diaper Need Awareness Week and encourages Californians to support organizations that help alleviate diaper need; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.