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A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED
BY LEGISLATOR MILLER-WILLIAMS

RE: Supporting H.R. 1143 "Hygiene Assistance for Families of Infants and Toddlers Act of 2017" in the US House of Representatives

WHEREAS, ensuring quality and safe care of children whose parents may not have the means to provide an adequate amount of diapers due to living below, at, or just above the poverty line is an issue of public concern; and

WHEREAS, the parents of an infant or toddler needs diapers and other essential items to properly take care of their child, and if unable to provide them, leaves the child susceptible and subjected to adverse health risks; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 1143, known as "Hygiene Assistance for Families of Infants and Toddlers Act of 2017," was recently introduced by Representative Keith Ellison (D-MN) in the House of Representatives to assist families and address these concerns; and

WHEREAS, the bill proposes amending the Public Health Service Act to make grants eligible to entities, both State and local, for the purpose of implementing strategies and projects to help eligible families address the diapering needs of their children; and

WHEREAS, eligible entities are to include State or local governments, Indian tribe or tribal organizations, and non-profit organizations as described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and exempt from taxation under section 501(a) of such code; and

WHEREAS, eligible by definition will also include a child who is not yet toilet trained and has not reached the age of 4 years, unless determined by the entity that the child has substantial physical or mental impairment that requires the child to wear diapers; and

WHEREAS, these strategies and projects will reduce strain on low-income families, and will also evaluate the effects of many health risks associated with not being able to afford adequate and proper diapering materials. These strategies will be incorporated into assistance programs serving eligible families that are currently available; and

WHEREAS, if approved, entities desiring a grant would submit an application to the Secretary of Health and Human Services that includes information necessary to ensure the success of achieving the purposes of the grant; and

WHEREAS, in addition, a report will be submitted listing the number of children and families receiving assistance from the project, the number of diapers and diapering supplies provided, and any other information that may be required by the Secretary; and

WHEREAS, upon receiving the report, the Secretary will evaluate and consult with each entity that receives funding, evaluate the effectiveness of the diaper distribution projects, submit

a report to the relevant congressional committees, and update the website of the Department of Health and Human Services; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the need and good of helping low income families take care of their children, it is with prudence and duty that this Honorable Body come forth to voice its support of H.R. 1143 and urge its bipartisan support and passage in U.S. Congress.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that this Honorable Body hereby go on record to support the "Hygiene Assistance for Families of Infants and Toddlers Act of 2017" introduced in the House of Representatives to provide much needed relief to families in affording and providing what they need for their children; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Honorable Body hope to continue providing the resources necessary to keep the most vulnerable in society healthy and prosperous; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to President Donald J. Trump, United States Senators Charles E. Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand, United States Representatives Keith Ellison, Brian Higgins, and Chris Collins, and to other parties deemed necessary and proper.

FISCAL IMPACT: None for resolution