



Armondo Pavone Mayor

## Proclamation

*Whereas*, diaper need, the condition of not having a sufficient supply of clean diapers, can adversely affect the health and well-being of babies, toddlers, and their families; and

*Whereas*, national surveys and research studies report that one in three families struggles with diaper need and 48 percent of families delay changing a diaper to extend their supply; and

*Whereas*, children go through six to twelve diapers each day and without enough diapers, babies and toddlers risk infections and health problems; and

*Whereas*, purchasing enough diapers to keep a baby or toddler clean, dry, and healthy can consume 14 percent of a low-wage family's post-tax income, making it difficult to obtain a sufficient supply; and

*Whereas*, the people of Renton recognize diaper need as a public health issue, disproportionately harming black families, indigenous families, and families of color, and acknowledge that addressing diaper need will lead to more equitable economic opportunities and improved health for all children; and

*Whereas*, Renton is proud to be home to trusted community-based organizations that recognize the importance of diapers in ensuring health and providing economic stability for families and thus distribute diapers to families through various channels; and

*Whereas*, WestSide Baby and Eastside Baby Corner served on the front lines of Renton's COVID-19 pandemic response, helping families in our communities weather the crisis; and

*Whereas*, we thank the aforementioned diaper banks, their staff, volunteers and donors, for their courageous service during the crisis;

*Now, therefore*, I, Armondo Pavone, Mayor of the City of Renton, do hereby proclaim September 26 through October 3, 2021, to be

## Diaper Need Awareness Week

in the City of Renton, and I encourage the Renton community to donate generously to diaper banks, diaper drives, and organizations that collect and distribute diapers.

*In witness whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Renton to be affixed this 27th day of September, 2021.

  
Armondo Pavone, Mayor  
City of Renton, Washington

