



Denis Law Mayor

Proclamation

Whereas, one in three families experience diaper need, or the condition of not having a sufficient supply of clean diapers for children; and

Whereas, children go through six to 12 diapers each day during the two to three years they wear diapers; and

Whereas, a supply of diapers can cost 14 percent of a low-wage family's post-tax income, yet there are no government assistance programs in Renton for the purchase or provision of diapers; and

Whereas, forty-eight percent of families in need delay changing a diaper to extend their supply, while such a delay puts infants and toddlers in discomfort, pain, and at a high risk to develop skin infections; and

Whereas, a supply of diapers is generally an eligibility requirement for infants and toddlers to participate in childcare programs and quality early education programs; and

Whereas, the people of Renton recognize that addressing diaper need, which disproportionately affects communities of color, creates equitable outcomes; and

Whereas, Renton is proud to be home to WestSide Baby, Eastside Baby Corner, and other various community organizations that recognize the importance of diapers in helping provide stability for families and distribute diapers to families through various channels;

Now, therefore, I, Denis Law, Mayor of the City of Renton, do hereby proclaim September 23 – 29, 2019, to be

Diaper Need Awareness Week

in the City of Renton, and I encourage all members of the community to to donate generously to diaper banks, diaper drives, and those organizations that distribute diapers to families in need.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Renton to be affixed this 23rd day of September, 2019.

Denis Law, Mayor
City of Renton, Washington

