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PROCLAMATION

Diaper Need Awareness Week
September 21-27, 2020

WHEREAS, diaper need, the condition of an insufficient supply of clean diapers to keep babies and toddlers clean, dry, and healthy, 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 12 diapers each day during the two to three years they wear diapers; 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, a daily or weekly supply of diapers is generally an eligibility requirement for babies and toddlers to participate in childcare programs and quality early-education programs; and

WHEREAS, without enough diapers, babies and toddlers risk infections and health problems that may require medical attention, and may prevent parents from attending work or school, thereby hurting the family's economic well-being; and

WHEREAS, the people of Cochise 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, these diaper banks and their staff and volunteers served on the front lines of Cochise's COVID-19 pandemic response helping families in our communities to weather the crisis; and

WHEREAS, while experiencing double, triple, or greater increase in demand for diapers, due to the pandemic and economic shutdown, these diaper banks did everything in their ability to increase diaper distributions and support children and families in need of immediate assistance; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT WE, the Board of Supervisors of Cochise County do hereby proclaim the week of September 21st through September 27th, 2020 as DIAPER NEED AWARENESS WEEK in Cochise County, thank the aforementioned diaper banks, their staff, volunteers and donors, for their courageous service during the crisis, and encourage the citizens of Cochise to donate generously to diaper banks, diaper drives, and those organizations that collect and distribute diapers to those struggling with diaper need, so that all of Cochise's children and families can thrive and reach their full potential.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 15TH day of September 2020.

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