Proclamation

Whereas, diaper need, the condition of not having a sufficient supply of clean diapers to ensure that infants and toddlers are clean, healthy, and dry, can adversely affect the health and welfare of infants, toddlers, and their families; and

Whereas, national surveys report that one in three mothers experience diaper need at some time while their children are less than three years of age, and forty-eight percent of families delay changing a diaper to extend their supply; and

Whereas, the average infant or toddler requires an average of at least 50 diaper changes per week over three years; and

Whereas, there are no government assistance programs for the purchase or provision of diapers, and a monthly supply of diapers can cost as much as six percent of a full-time minimum wage worker’s salary, which can cause economic hardship for families; 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 City of Renton recognizes that addressing diaper need can lead to economic opportunity for the state’s low-income families and can lead to improved health for families and their communities;

Now, therefore, I, Denis Law, Mayor of the City of Renton, do hereby proclaim the week of September 24 – 30, 2018, to be

Diaper Need Awareness Week

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

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Renton to be affixed this 24th day of September, 2018.

Denis Law, Mayor
City of Renton, Washington