

PROCLAMATION

A Proclamation Declaring Diaper Need Awareness Week 2020

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 Seattle 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

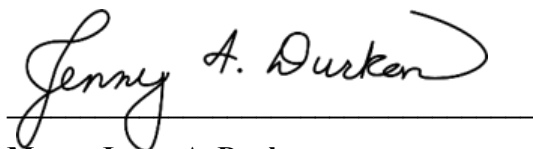
WHEREAS, WestSide Baby served on the front lines of Seattle's COVID-19 pandemic response, helping families in our community weather the crisis; and

WHEREAS, Seattle 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;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE MAYOR AND THE SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL PROCLAIM THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 21 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 27, 2020, TO BE

Diaper Need Awareness Week

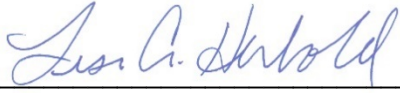
and further thank WestSide Baby, their staff, volunteers, and donors, for their courageous service during the crisis; and encourage the citizens of Seattle to donate generously to diaper banks, diaper drives, and those organizations that collect and distribute diapers to those struggling with diaper need.



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