



Office of the Mayor
City of Sedro-Woolley

Official Statement

Whereas, diaper need, the condition of not having a sufficient 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 child care 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 prospects and well-being; and

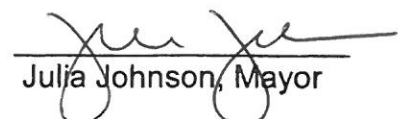
Whereas, the people of Sedro-Woolley recognize that addressing Diaper Need can lead to economic opportunity for the state's low-income families and can lead to improved health for families and their communities; and

Whereas, Skagit County is proud to be home to the Diaper Bank of Skagit County that recognizes the importance of diapers in helping provide economic stability for families and distributes diapers to poor families through various channels; now

Therefore, I, Julia Johnson, Mayor of the City of Sedro-Woolley, do hereby proclaim the week of September 23rd through September 29th, 2019 as

DIAPER NEED AWARENESS WEEK

in the City of Sedro-Woolley and encourage the citizens of Sedro-Woolley to donate generously to diaper banks, diaper drives, and those organizations that distribute diapers to families in need to help alleviate diaper need in Sedro-Woolley and region.


Julia Johnson, Mayor