



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 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 experiencing 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, therefore obtaining a sufficient supply of diapers can cause economic hardship to families; and

Whereas, a supply of diapers is generally an eligibility requirement for infant and toddlers to participate in childcare programs and quality early education programs; 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, Mayor Julia Johnson for the City of Sedro-Woolley, do hereby proclaim the week of September 24th through September 30th, 2018 as

DIAPER NEED AWARENESS WEEK

in the City of Sedro-Woolley and encourage the citizens of Sedro-Woolley to donate generously to the Diaper Bank of Skagit County that distributes diapers to families in need to help alleviate diaper need in Sedro-Woolley and throughout Skagit County.

Julia Johnson, Mayor