

## DIAPER NEED AWARENESS WEEK

**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

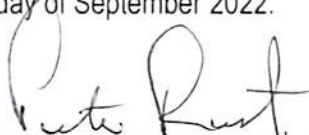
**Whereas**, the people of Green River recognize that diaper need is a public health issue, and addressing diaper need can lead to economic opportunity for the state's families and communities and improved health for children, thus ensuring all children and families have access to the basic necessities required to thrive and reach their full potential; and

**Whereas**, Green River is proud to be home to trusted community-based organizations including Community Diaper Bank of Southwest Wyoming that recognize the importance of diapers in ensuring health and providing economic stability for families and thus distribute diapers to families through various channels; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Pete Rust, Mayor of the City of Green River, do hereby proclaim the week of September 26<sup>th</sup> through October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 as **DIAPER NEED AWARENESS WEEK** in the City of Green River, and thank the aforementioned diaper banks, their staff, volunteers and encourage the citizens of Green River 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 Green River's children and families can thrive and reach their full potential.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 20<sup>th</sup> day of September 2022.



  
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PETE RUST, MAYOR