



## 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 48 percent of families delay changing a diaper to extend their supply; and

**WHEREAS,** infants or toddlers commonly require an average of at least 50 diaper changes per week over three years; and

**WHEREAS,** obtaining a sufficient supply of diapers can cause economic hardship to families since 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; 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 people of Redmond 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


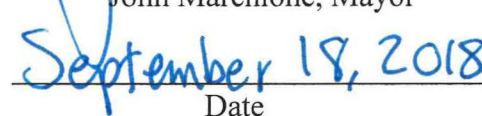
**WHEREAS,** Redmond is proud to be home to various community organizations that recognize the importance of diapers in helping provide economic stability for families and that distribute diapers to families experiencing hardship through various channels;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN MARCHIONE,** Mayor of the City of Redmond, do hereby proclaim the week of September 24 through September 30, 2018, as

## DIAPER NEED AWARENESS WEEK

in the City of Redmond, and I encourage the residents of Redmond to donate generously to diaper banks, diaper drives, and those organizations that distribute diapers to help alleviate diaper need in Redmond and environs.



  
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John Marchione, Mayor  
  
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