



City of Bellevue | Proclamation

Whereas: diaper need - the condition of not being able to afford a sufficient supply of clean diapers to keep babies and toddlers clean, dry and healthy - can adversely affect the health and well-being of children and their families; and

Whereas: national surveys and research studies report that nearly one in two families struggles with diaper need, with 48 percent of families delaying a diaper change to extend their available supply; and

Whereas: a consistent supply of diapers is generally an eligibility requirement for babies and toddlers to participate in childcare and quality early-education programs that enable children to thrive and parents to work; and

Whereas: without enough diapers, babies and toddlers risk infections and other health problems requiring medical attention, and parents may be prevented from accessing childcare needed to go to work or school, thereby destabilizing the family's economic well-being; and

Whereas: the people of Bellevue recognize that diaper need is a public health issue, and that addressing diaper need can lead to economic opportunity for families, stronger communities, and improved health outcomes for children; and

Whereas: through their essential work of addressing diaper need, diaper banks play a critical role in supporting families, improving infant health and well-being and strengthening our local and state economy.

Now, therefore, I, Lynne Robinson, Mayor of the City of Bellevue, Washington, and on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim the week of **September 15 - 21, 2025** as:

National Diaper Need Awareness Week

in Bellevue, Washington, and urge all residents to support diaper banks, diaper drives and organizations that collect and distribute diapers to families struggling with diaper need, so that all Bellevue children and families can thrive and reach their full potential.

Lynne Robinson, Mayor
City of Bellevue