

CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

***PROCLAMATION***

- Whereas:*** The citizens of Bellevue recognize that economic opportunity for individuals can lead to improved health for families and their communities; and
- Whereas:*** Access to a reliable supply of clean diapers is a necessity for the health and welfare of infants and toddlers, their families, and child and health care providers; and
- Whereas:*** The average infant or toddler requires an average of 50 diaper changes per week over three years; and
- Whereas:*** Diapers cannot be bought with food stamps or WIC vouchers, therefore providing a sufficient supply of diapers can cause economic hardship to needy families; and
- Whereas:*** A supply of diapers is generally an eligibility requirement for infant and toddlers to participate in childcare programs; and
- Whereas:*** When infants and toddlers cannot participate in childcare programs, it makes it very difficult for their parents and guardians to participate in the workforce, thereby causing economic harm to many families; and
- Whereas:*** The City of Bellevue is proud to be home to various community organizations that receive thousands of diapers a year from Eastside Baby Corner to help families in Bellevue.

***Now, therefore, I,*** John Stokes, Mayor of the City of Bellevue, WA, and on behalf of the Bellevue City Council do hereby proclaim the week of **September 26 – October 2, 2016**, as:

***National Diaper Need Awareness Week***

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

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John Stokes  
Mayor