

# Avondale

## DIAPER NEED AWARENESS WEEK

September 24 – October 2, 2022

**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 6 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**, 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 City of Avondale recognizes addressing diaper need can lead to economic opportunity for the community and improved health for children, thus ensuring all children and families have access to the basic necessities required to thrive; and

**WHEREAS**, diaper banks worked tirelessly to increase diaper distributions and support children and families in need of immediate assistance as a result of increased demand for diapers due to the pandemic supply chain disruptions.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that, I, Mayor Kenneth Weise, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Avondale, Arizona, do hereby proclaim the week of September 24 – October 2, 2022 as Diaper Need Awareness Week. I thank diaper banks, their staff, volunteers, and donors for their service and encourage the residents of Avondale to donate generously to organizations that collect and distribute diapers to those struggling with diaper need, so that all of Avondale's children and families can thrive and reach their full potential.



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Mayor

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City Clerk