



King County

# Metropolitan King County Council

## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the people of King County recognize that economic opportunity for individuals can lead to improved health for families and their communities; and

WHEREAS, 42 percent of Washington's children under three years of age live in low-income families; 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, and 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 participation 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 their families; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Metropolitan King County Council, hereby proclaim the week of September 8-14, 2013, as

### DIAPER NEED AWARENESS WEEK

in King County and encourage the citizens of King County to donate generously to diaper banks, diaper drives, and those organizations that distribute diapers to families in need to help alleviate diaper need in our county.

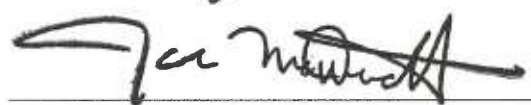
DATED this ninth day of September 2013.

  
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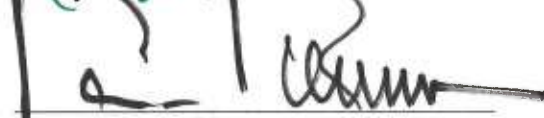
  
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