



**PROCLAMATION  
DIAPER NEED AWARENESS WEEK  
September 27 - October 3, 2021**

**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 struggle with diaper need and 48 percent delay changing a diaper to extend their supply, as children go through six to twelve diapers each day during the two to three years they wear diapers; and purchasing enough diapers to keep a baby or toddler clean, dry and healthy can consume fourteen percent of a low-wage family's post-tax income, making it difficult to obtain a sufficient supply; and

**WHEREAS**, during the COVID-19 pandemic, diaper banks across the country saw enormous increases in demand for diapers and expanded their distribution of diapers by an average of 86 percent; a daily or weekly supply of diapers is generally an eligibility requirement for babies and toddlers to participate in child care programs and quality early-education programs; and

**WHEREAS**, without enough diapers, babies and toddlers risk infections and health problems that may require medical attention resulting in medical costs, and may prevent parents from accessing child care needed to go to work or school, thereby destabilizing the family's economic prospects and well-being; and


**WHEREAS**, the people of Marana recognize that diaper need is a public health issue, and addressing diaper need can lead to economic opportunity for the state's families and communities and improved health for children, thus ensuring all children and families have access to the basic necessities required to thrive and reach their full potential; Marana is proud to be home to trusted community-based organizations including the Diaper Bank of Central and Southern Arizona, that recognize the importance of diapers in ensuring health and providing economic stability for families and thus distribute diapers to families through various channels; and

**WHEREAS**, while experiencing double, triple, or greater increase in demand for diapers due to the pandemic and economic shutdown, these diaper banks continue to do everything in their ability to increase diaper distributions and support children and families in need of immediate assistance; and now that our state is recovering from the pandemic, diaper banks are playing a critical role in supporting families and advancing our collective growth.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, Mayor Honea and the Marana Town Council do hereby declare the week of September 27 - October 3, 2021 as, "DIAPER NEED AWARENESS WEEK" in the Town of Marana, and thank the aforementioned diaper banks, their staff, volunteers and donors for their courageous service during the crisis, and encourage the citizens of Marana to donate generously to diaper banks, diaper drives, and those organizations that collect and distribute diapers to those struggling with diaper need, so that all of Marana's children and families can thrive and reach their full potential.

Dated this 21<sup>st</sup> day of September 2021.

ATTEST:

  
Cherry L. Lawson, Town Clerk



  
Ed Honea, Mayor