



**MARANA AZ**

**PROCLAMATION**

**Recognizing Diaper Need Awareness Week**

**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 have reported that one in three families struggle with diaper need and 48% delay changing a diaper to extend their supply; and

**WHEREAS**, a daily or weekly supply of diapers is generally an eligibility requirement for babies and toddlers to participate in childcare 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 Town'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; and

**WHEREAS**, 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 provide economic stability for families and thus distribute diapers to families through various channels.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Ed Honea, Mayor of the Town of Marana do hereby proclaim the week of September 18 - 24, 2023 as Diaper Need Awareness Week in the Town of Marana, and thank the aforementioned diaper banks, their staff, volunteers and donors for their service, 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 19th day of September 2023.

ATTEST:

David L. Udall, Town Clerk



Ed Honea, Mayor