

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR ROCK SPRINGS, WYOMING



Proclamation

WHEREAS:

Diaper Need, the condition of not having a sufficient supply of clean diapers to ensure that infants and toddlers are clean, healthy and dry, can adversely affect the health and welfare of infants, toddlers and their families; and

National surveys report that one in three mothers experience Diaper Need at some time while their children are less than three years of age and 48% of families delay changing a diaper to extend their supply; and

Children go through 6—12 diapers each day during the 2—3 years they wear diapers; and

Purchasing enough diapers to keep a baby or toddler clean, dry, and healthy can consume 14% of a low-wage family's post-tax income, making it difficult to obtain a sufficient supply; and

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

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

The people of Rock Springs recognize that addressing Diaper Need can lead to economic opportunity for the state's low-income families and can lead to improved health for families and their communities; and

Rock Springs is proud to be home to the Southwest Wyoming Community Diaper Bank, and recognizes the importance of diapers in helping provide economic stability for families and distribute diapers to less-fortunate families through various channels.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved, that I, Timothy A. Kaumo, Mayor of the City of Rock Springs, do hereby declare the week of **September 23—29, 2019** to be

DIAPER NEED AWARENESS WEEK

in the City of Rock Springs and encourage 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 Rock Springs.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of this City to be affixed.

Mayor .						
Date						