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PROCLAMATION *"Diaper Need Awareness Week"*

WHEREAS, 26 percent of children in Cochise County live in poverty; and

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

WHEREAS, national surveys report that one in three mothers experiencing diaper need at some time while their children are less than three years of age and forty-eight percent of families delay changing a diaper to extend their supply; 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, therefore obtaining a sufficient supply of diapers can cause economic hardship to families; and

WHEREAS, a supply of diapers is generally an eligibility requirement for infant and toddlers to participate in childcare programs and quality early education programs; and

WHEREAS, the people of Cochise County 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

WHEREAS, County is proud to be home to various 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, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Cochise County Board of Supervisors do hereby proclaim the week of September 8th through September 14th, 2014 as "DIAPER NEED AWARENESS WEEK" in the county and encourage the citizens of Cochise County to donate generously to diaper banks, diaper drives, and those organizations that distribute diapers to families in need.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 26th day of August, 2014.

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