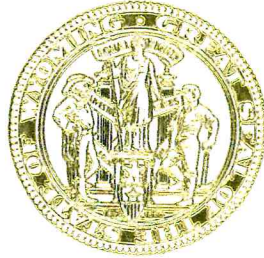


Governor's Proclamation



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 report that one in three families struggle with diaper need and 48 percent of families delay changing a diaper to extend their supply; and

WHEREAS, children go through six to 12 diapers each day during the years they wear diapers. Purchasing enough diapers to keep a child clean, dry, and healthy can consume 14 percent of a low-wage family's post-tax income, making it difficult to obtain a sufficient supply; and

WHEREAS, 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, and may prevent parents from attending work or school, thereby hurting the family's economic prospects and well-being; and

WHEREAS, the people of Wyoming recognize that 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; and

WHEREAS, Wyoming is proud to be home to trusted community-based organizations 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

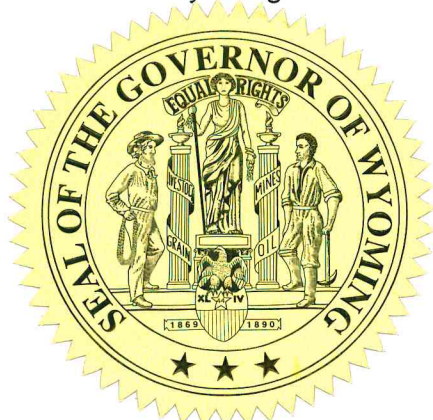
WHEREAS, while experiencing double, triple, or greater increase in demand for diapers due to the pandemic and economic shutdown, diaper banks and volunteers serving on the front lines of the Wyoming COVID-19 pandemic response did everything in their ability to increase diaper distributions and support children and families in need of immediate assistance.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Gordon, Governor of the State of Wyoming, do hereby proclaim the week of September 21st through September 27th, 2020 as

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in Wyoming, and thank the diaper banks, their staff, volunteers and donors, for their courageous service during the crisis, and encourage the citizens of Wyoming to participate accordingly.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Executive Seal of the Governor of Wyoming to be affixed this 10th day of September, 2020.



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark Gordon".

The Honorable Mark Gordon
33rd Governor of the Great State of Wyoming