



City of Pittsburgh

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WHEREAS, there are 5.9 million babies in the U.S. aged three or younger living in poor or low-income families with one in three American mothers unable to provide their children a basic essential for health and hygiene - a clean, dry diaper; and,

WHEREAS, there is an estimated need of 77,000 diapers per day for these children in Allegheny County alone; and,

WHEREAS, disposable diapers cost up to \$150 per month per baby with no specific government assistance and parents cannot take children to day care without diapers preventing them from working or attending school; and,

WHEREAS, the Western Pennsylvania Diaper Bank, established in 2012 as a nonprofit organization and based in the city's Hill District, at present is the only local organization that has addressed this need as its sole purpose, is the only diaper bank west of Harrisburg in the state, and has collected and distributed more than 130,000 diapers this year alone; and,

WHEREAS, the Western Pennsylvania Diaper Bank supplies diapers to any non-profit agency serving low-income or poverty level families in Western Pennsylvania and currently works through an all-volunteer staff and a network of 30 social service agency partners in five counties; and,

WHEREAS, the Western Pennsylvania Diaper Bank joined a national movement this year to support proposed legislation to address this critical family issue; and,

WHEREAS, President Barack Obama issued a challenge to businesses to step up and support community needs, the Western Pennsylvania Diaper Bank seeks to meet a challenge match from Huggies® to 250,000 diapers if that amount for 2016 is collected locally by December 31; and,

WHEREAS, the Western Pennsylvania Diaper Bank joins the National Diaper Bank Network in raising awareness of this critical need during National Diaper Need Awareness Week, September 26-October 3, 2016; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Tuesday, September 27, 2016 to be "***National Diaper Awareness Day***" in the City of Pittsburgh.