



# MEMORANDUM

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Date: July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022

To: Melissa Manriquez, Clerk of the Board  
Pima County Board of Supervisors

From: Sharon Bronson  
District 3 Supervisor, Chair  
Pima County Board of Supervisors

**Re: Agenda Item for September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Meeting**

Please place the following item on the agenda for the Board of Supervisors meeting on September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Proclamation stating that the Pima County Board of Supervisors, hereby proclaim the week of September 24<sup>th</sup> through October 2, 2022 to be Diaper Need Awareness Week.

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# PROCLAMATION

**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% of families delay changing a diaper to extend their available supply; and

**WHEREAS**, infants and toddlers go through six to 12 diapers each day during the two to three years they wear diapers; and purchasing enough diapers to keep a baby or toddler clean can consume 14% of a low-wage family's post-tax income; and

**WHEREAS**, a sufficient supply of diapers is generally an eligibility requirement for babies and toddlers to participate in child care and quality early-education programs that enable children to thrive; and

**WHEREAS**, without enough diapers, babies and toddlers risk infections and health problems that may require medical attention, resulting in medical costs, and parents may be prevented 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 Pima County recognize that diaper need is a public health issue and addressing it can lead to economic opportunity for 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**, while experiencing double, triple or greater increases in demand due to the pandemic and economic shutdown, diaper banks continue to do everything in their ability to increase distributions and support children and families in need of immediate assistance; and

**WHEREAS**, Pima County is proud to be home to trusted organizations, including the Diaper Bank of Central and Southern Arizona, that recognize the importance of diapers in ensuring the health and economic stability of children and their families.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims the week of September 24 through October 2, 2022, to be:

**“DIAPER NEED AWARENESS WEEK”**

and thanks diaper banks, their staff members, volunteers and donors for their courageous service during the pandemic and encourages the citizens of Pima County to donate generously to diaper banks and diaper drives and support those organizations that collect and distribute diapers to families struggling with diaper need.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 20th day of September 2022.

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The Honorable Sharon Bronson, Chair  
Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

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Melissa Manriquez, Clerk  
Pima County Board of Supervisors