



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 struggles with diaper need, and 48 percent of families delay changing a diaper to extend the available supply; and

Whereas, purchasing enough diapers to keep a baby or toddler clean, dry, and healthy can consume 14 percent of a low-wage family's post-tax income, making it difficult to provide the necessary supply; and

Whereas, during the COVID-19 pandemic, diaper banks across the country saw enormous increases in demand for diapers and expanded their distribution of diapers by an average of 86 percent; 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, Terre Haute is proud to be home to the trusted community-based organization Covered With Love, Inc. Diaper Bank, 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

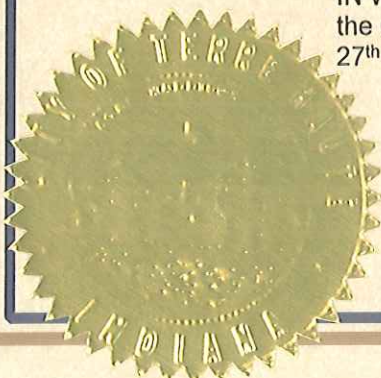
Whereas, while experiencing greater increase in demand for diapers due to the pandemic and economic shutdown, Covered With Love, Inc. continues to do everything in their ability to increase diaper distributions and support children and families in need of immediate assistance; now

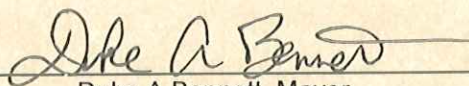
Therefore, I, Duke A. Bennett, Mayor of Terre Haute, do hereby proclaim the week of September 27 through October 3, 2021 as

NATIONAL DIAPER NEED AWARENESS WEEK

in the City of Terre Haute, thank Covered With Love, Inc., the volunteers and donors, for their courageous service during the crisis, and encourage the citizens of Terre Haute to donate generously to help Covered With Love assist families struggling with diaper need, so that all of Terre Haute's children and families can thrive and reach their full potential.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Terre Haute to be affixed this 27th day of September 2021.




Duke A Bennett, Mayor

