

IN THE SENATE

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 110

BY HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND RECOGNIZING NATIONAL DIAPER NEED
AWARENESS WEEK.

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

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 more than thirty percent of mothers will experience diaper need at some point while their children are small, and forty-eight percent of families will delay changing diapers to extend their supply; and

WHEREAS, the average infant or toddler requires fifty diaper changes per week over three years; and

WHEREAS, diapers cannot be bought with food stamps or WIC vouchers, and obtaining a sufficient supply of diapers can therefore cause economic hardship to families; and

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

WHEREAS, the people of Idaho recognize that addressing diaper need can lead to economic opportunity and improved health for the state's low-income families and their communities; and

WHEREAS, Idaho is proud to be home to various community organizations that assist families in need by distributing diapers through various channels.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the First Regular Session of the Sixty-third Idaho Legislature, the Senate and the House of Representatives concurring therein, that the week of September 28 through October 4, 2015, be recognized throughout the state as National Diaper Need Awareness Week.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the citizens of Idaho are encouraged, both during National Diaper Need Awareness Week and throughout the year, to donate generously to diaper banks and diaper drives and to those organizations that distribute diapers to families in need in order to alleviate diaper need in Idaho.