STATE OF MICHIGAN

CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION

ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF MICHIGAN
I, Rick Snyder, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim
August 2013

BREASTFEEDING AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, Michigan has made the reduction of infant mortality and the improvement of the overall health status of women and children a priority; and,

WHEREAS, Michigan is committed to ensuring the long-term health of all mothers, infants and children in the state; and,

WHEREAS, breastfeeding is a proven prevention strategy, protecting both infants and mothers from a host of chronic and acute diseases and conditions, and building a foundation for life-long health and wellness; and,

WHEREAS, during this month, we join with the Michigan Department of Community Health, the Michigan Breastfeeding Network, and the United States Breastfeeding Committee as well as many members of community breastfeeding coalitions to raise awareness of breastfeeding as the norm for infant and young child feeding and to celebrate the efforts being put forth to make Michigan more "breastfeeding friendly".

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Snyder, Governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim August 2013 as Michigan Breastfeeding Awareness Month.

Rick Snyder
Governor