

STATE OF MICHIGAN



Executive
Office

Jennifer M. Granholm
Governor

CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION

On behalf of the citizens of Michigan, I, Governor Jennifer M. Granholm,
do hereby proclaim the month of August 2010

Breastfeeding Awareness Month

Whereas, Michigan joins a worldwide campaign to raise awareness of the importance of breastfeeding for optimal infant and maternal health as well as the social and economic benefits it provides for families, employers, and communities; and,

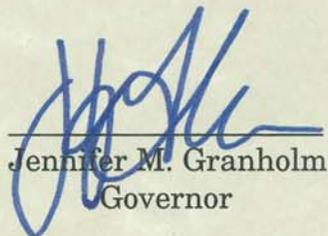
Whereas, Research studies indicate that women who breastfed are less likely to develop premenopausal breast cancer and ovarian cancer as well as high blood pressure and heart disease. This practice may also decrease the risk of obesity, leukemia, and sudden infant death syndrome in children; and,

Whereas, By supporting legislation that allows women to breastfeed in public, Michigan will join 44 other states in demonstrating that breastfeeding is natural and beneficial for both baby and mother; and,

Whereas, Healthcare providers, hospitals, work sites, and communities are encouraged to provide an atmosphere that makes it easier for mothers to initiate and sustain breastfeeding;

Now, Therefore, be it Resolved, That I, Jennifer M. Granholm, governor of the state of Michigan, do hereby proclaim August 2010 Breastfeeding Awareness Month in Michigan. I encourage residents of this state to enhance their understanding of the health impact of breastfeeding and to ensure that mothers and infants receive appropriate, evidence-based care and support.




Jennifer M. Granholm
Governor