

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 2009

Breastfeeding Awareness Month

Whereas, Breastfeeding is a natural way to ensure the well-being of infants and mothers due to the antibodies, which breast milk provides, that protects babies from respiratory infections, asthma, allergies, and diarrhea, as well as other illnesses; and,

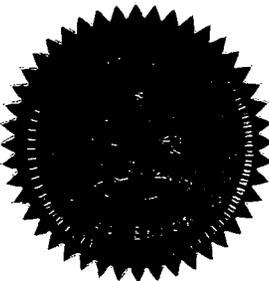
Whereas, Additionally, women who breastfeed their children lower their own risk of developing osteoporosis, diabetes, and certain cancers later in life; and,

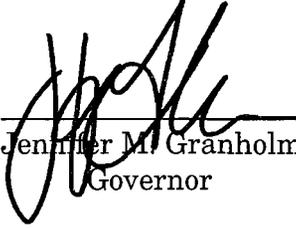
Whereas, In the first six months of an infant's life, milk is a main source of food that provides necessary nutrients to support growth and development and that benefits a child throughout his/her life; and,

Whereas, Since the risks of not breastfeeding are substantial, it is important that hospitals, health centers, businesses and communities work together to ensure a comfortable atmosphere for infants and their mothers while breastfeeding; and,

Whereas, By providing helpful information and assistance and through supporting legislation that allows women to breastfeed in public, as well as advocating for work environments to have designated areas to use a breast pump, new mothers and infants can remain strong and healthy;

Now, Therefore, be it Resolved, That I, Jennifer M. Granholm, governor of the state of Michigan, do hereby proclaim August 2009 Breastfeeding Awareness Month in Michigan. I encourage residents of this state to enhance their understanding of breastfeeding and its many advantages.




Jennifer M. Granholm
Governor