

STATE OF MICHIGAN

CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION

ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF MICHIGAN

I, Rick Snyder, governor of Michigan do hereby proclaim

August 2015

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, breastfeeding is a proven prevention strategy for protecting both infants and mothers from illness and chronic disease, and to building a foundation for life-long health and wellness; and,

WHEREAS, healthcare providers, hospitals, health insurance providers, work sites, and communities can provide support and education that make it easier for mothers to initiate and sustain breastfeeding; and,

WHEREAS, given the importance of breastfeeding for the health and well-being of Michigan's youngest citizens, mothers can feel confident to breastfeed in public and private places without fear of discrimination, further demonstrating that breastfeeding is natural and encouraged; and,

WHEREAS, during this month, we join with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, the Michigan Breastfeeding Network, and community breastfeeding coalitions to encourage Michigan residents to enhance their understanding of the health, economic, societal, and environmental impact of breastfeeding,

NOW, THEREFORE I, Rick Snyder, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim August 2015 as Breastfeeding Awareness Month in Michigan.

Rick Snyder
Governor