

STATE OF MICHIGAN

CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION

ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF MICHIGAN

I, Rick Snyder, governor of Michigan do hereby proclaim

August 2016

BREASTFEEDING AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, Michigan is committed to reducing infant mortality and increasing health of mothers and babies through education about the best practices for establishing breastfeeding; and,

WHEREAS, Breastfeeding is the healthiest way to feed an infant and is proven to provide protection from various diseases and illnesses; and,

WHEREAS, The early practice of skin to skin contact between mothers and babies and the delay of introduction to food sources other than breastmilk promote successful establishment and maintenance of milk production; and,

WHEREAS, Since the benefits of breastfeeding and the risks of not breastfeeding are substantial, it is important for hospitals, businesses, community agencies, and coalitions to work together to provide consistent and accurate information in order to help ensure successful breastfeeding initiation and duration; 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 enhance the understanding of Michigan residents regarding the impact of early initiation of breastfeeding and establishing strong milk production on the health of mothers and babies and the success of breastfeeding;

NOW, THEREFORE I, Rick Snyder, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim August 2016 as Breastfeeding Awareness Month in Michigan.

Rick Snyder
Governor