

STATE OF MICHIGAN

CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION

ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF MICHIGAN

I, Rick Snyder, governor of Michigan do hereby proclaim

August 2017

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, Michigan is committed to supporting mothers and babies throughout the first year and beyond to positively impact both initiation and duration rates of breastfeeding;

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

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 education and sustained support in establishing and maintaining breastfeeding;

NOW, THEREFORE I, Rick Snyder, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim August 2017 as Breastfeeding Awareness Month in Michigan.

Rick Snyder
Governor