

## Governor's Proclamation

### Breastfeeding Month

August 2018

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

WHEREAS, Breastfeeding is a strong foundation for life resulting in the healthiest way to feed an infant and provide proven protection from various diseases and illnesses; and

WHEREAS, Michigan is committed to encouraging this strong foundation for life in all infants by supporting breastfeeding mothers for the first year and beyond; 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 providing a strong foundation for life through breastfeeding;

NOW, THEREFORE I, Rick Snyder, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim August 2018 as Breastfeeding Awareness Month in Michigan.