

STATE OF MICHIGAN



CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION

ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF MICHIGAN,
I, Gretchen Whitmer, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim

August 2019

as

BREASTFEEDING AWARENESS MONTH

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

WHEREAS, breastfeeding exclusively for about six months and continuing for at least a year is shown to be 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, infant nutrition is considered a public health issue and it is important for hospitals, businesses, community agencies and coalitions to work together to provide consistent and accurate information to help ensure successful breastfeeding; 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 broaden the public's understanding of the critical impact breastfeeding has on providing a strong foundation for life for an infant;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gretchen Whitmer, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim August 2019 as Breastfeeding Awareness Month in Michigan.



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gretchen Whitmer".

Gretchen Whitmer
Governor

