

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania



Governor's Office

PROCLAMATION

BREASTFEEDING MONTH

August 2017

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania supports the 25th year of World Breastfeeding Week with the 2017 global theme "Sustaining Breastfeeding Together," which follows the Sustainable Development Goals of the world's leaders who are committed to ending poverty, protecting the planet, and ensuring prosperity; and

WHEREAS, breastfeeding provides a healthy, viable, non-polluting, non-resource intensive, sustainable source of nutrition and immunization; and

WHEREAS, breastfeeding is a low-cost way of feeding babies and children. Breastfeeding is ecological, a natural resource that is affordable for everyone, and does not burden household budgets. Breastfeeding contributes to reducing poverty. Breastfeeding reconciles inequities, giving every child the best start in life; and

WHEREAS, the breastfeeding experience can be satisfying and empowering for the mother. It is uniquely a right of women, and they should be supported by employers, the healthcare system, and society in general; and

WHEREAS, breastfeeding is food security for infants and can help prevent hunger, undernutrition, and obesity, as well as save infant lives; and

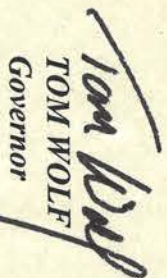
WHEREAS, breastfeeding is a sustainable resource, has no carbon footprint, and is consequently protective of the environment; and

WHEREAS, breastfeeding for at least a year, with the gradual introduction of foods around six months, lays a foundation for life-long health and wellness for both mother and child.

THEREFORE, I, Tom Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby recognize August 2017 as BREASTFEEDING MONTH in Pennsylvania. I encourage all citizens across the commonwealth to recognize the importance of breastfeeding for public health and sustainability.

GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, this fifth day of July two thousand seventeen, the year of the commonwealth the two hundred forty-second.




TOM WOLF
Governor