

The State of Maryland



Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland

BREASTFEEDING MONTH AUGUST 2021

- WHEREAS,** *Breastfeeding is a universal solution that enables everyone the same, fair start in life, preventing hunger, malnutrition, and food insecurity. Protecting breastfeeding provides infants the healthiest feeding for the first six months of life, and in combination with family foods during the second six months of life or longer; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Enabling women to breastfeed protects our planet! Breastfeeding is a non-polluting, renewable baby food source, ecologically nurturing the mother-infant bond and ensuring environmental sustainability; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Sharing the responsibility of protecting breastfeeding by providing breastfeeding employees with workplace milk expression breaks enhances breastfeeding success, while also sustaining the economy. Employers benefit from improved staff productivity and morale, lower health insurance costs, and less missed workdays by the parents; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Everyone, including government, healthcare providers, employers, the media, family, and friends share the responsibility of supporting breastfeeding, ultimately empowering and enabling each family toward successful breastfeeding outcomes; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Maryland citizens are encouraged to breastfeed their children and work to protect, promote, and support breastfeeding families by aligning with international, national, and Maryland goals, including those of the United States Surgeon General, the federal Healthcare Reform laws, and the Maryland Hospital Breastfeeding Policies, as well as the American Academy of Pediatrics, and the majority of health care professionals.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LAWRENCE J. HOGAN, JR., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim AUGUST 2021 as BREASTFEEDING MONTH in Maryland, and call upon our citizens to join in this observance.



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,
this 1st day of August
Two Thousand and twenty-one

Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor

Byrd H. Lathrop
Lt. Governor

John C. Wehner
Secretary of State