



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

PROCLAMATION

**BREASTFEEDING MONTH
August 2021**

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania supports the twenty-ninth year of World Breastfeeding Week with the 2021 global theme “Protect Breastfeeding: A Shared Responsibility,” which focuses on the connection between breastfeeding and the survival, health, and wellbeing of women and children; and

WHEREAS, breastfeeding can be connected to all seventeen of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals; and

WHEREAS, breastfeeding provides a healthy, viable, non-polluting, sustainable, and natural source of infant nutrition and sustenance; 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, breastfeeding safeguards infant health and nutrition in times of adversity and natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, breastfeeding is an evidence-based investment in saving lives and improving the health, social, and economic development of individuals, families, communities, and states; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania supports parent-friendly, breastfeeding-friendly workplaces and public spaces and values gender-equitable social norms now and for the future.

THEREFORE, I, Tom Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby recognize August 2021 as BREASTFEEDING MONTH. 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 twenty-sixth day of May two thousand twenty-one, the year of the commonwealth the two hundred forty-fifth.

Tom Wolf
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Governor