



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

**PROCLAMATION**

**BREASTFEEDING MONTH  
August 2019**

*WHEREAS, Pennsylvania supports the 27<sup>th</sup> year of World Breastfeeding Week with the 2019 global theme “Empower Parents, Enable Breastfeeding,” 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, sustainable, and natural source of infant nutrition and sustenance; and*

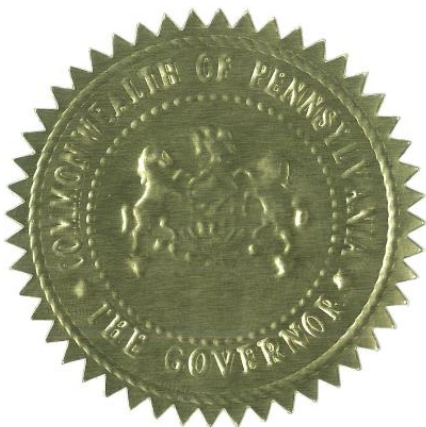
*WHEREAS, breastfeeding is a low-cost way of feeding babies and children. Breastfeeding is ecological, a natural resource that is affordable for everyone and does not burden household budgets. Breastfeeding contributes to reducing poverty. Breastfeeding reconciles inequities, giving every child the best 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 2019 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-third day of July two thousand nineteen, the year of the commonwealth the two hundred forty-fourth.*

*Tom Wolf*  
**TOM WOLF**  
Governor