

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, infant nutrition is a public health issue and critically important during natural disasters and emergency situations. Breastfeeding provides the safest, most reliable, and renewable food source during such times; and

WHEREAS, breastfeeding is a proven primary prevention strategy, protecting both infants and mothers from a host of chronic and acute diseases and conditions and building a foundation for life-long health and wellness; and

WHEREAS, employers that provide workplace lactation support experience an impressive return on investment including lower health care costs, absenteeism, and turnover rates and improved morale, job satisfaction and productivity; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Health and Brevard County in conjunction with the Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) recognizes that it is vital for families to make informed decisions about the health of their infants and supports increased efforts by hospital staff, medical providers, employers, and all Floridians to encourage and promote breastfeeding; and

WHEREAS, the Surgeon General's Call to Action to support breastfeeding calls on healthcare providers, employers, insurers, policymakers, researchers and the community at large to support mothers in reaching their personal breastfeeding goals.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, does hereby recognize August 2023 as

NATIONAL BREASTFEEDING MONTH

DONE, ORDERED AND ADOPTED, in regular session on this 8th day of August 2023.

ATTEST:

Rachael M. Sadoff, Clerk

Rita Pritchett, Chair
Board of County Commissioners
Brevard County, Florida