

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, infant nutrition is a public health issue and critically important during natural disasters and emergency situations and 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, all major medical authorities recommend that mothers breastfeed exclusively for six months and continue breastfeeding for at least the first year of a child's life; 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 the month of August 2022 as

NATIONAL BREASTFEEDING MONTH

DONE, ORDERED AND ADOPTED, in regular session on this 19th day of July, 2022.

ATTEST:

Rachael M. Sadoff, Clerk

Kristine Zonka, Chair
Board of County Commissioners
Brevard County, Florida