



Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland

BREASTFEEDING MONTH AUGUST 2026

- WHEREAS,** *Breastfeeding is critical in enhancing health and preventing hunger, malnutrition, and food insecurity; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Prioritizing breastfeeding through creating sustainable support systems protects our planet by reducing pollution, supplying renewable baby food, nurturing the parent-infant bond, and ensuring environmental sustainability; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Closing the gap through workplace support, including parental leave and break time for an employee to express milk, supports parents who breastfeed; employers benefit from improved staff productivity and morale, lower health insurance costs, and fewer missed workdays by parents; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Everyone, including government, healthcare providers, employers, the media, family, and friends shares the responsibility of participating in sustainable support systems to empower and support women who breastfeed; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The Maryland WIC Program is committed to helping families have positive, successful breastfeeding experiences by providing resources and information on breastfeeding to parents; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Maryland citizens are encouraged to breastfeed their children, if possible and desired, and prioritize breastfeeding by protecting, promoting, and supporting all breastfeeding families, aligning with global, national, and Maryland goals, including those of the United States Surgeon General, federal laws, the American Academy of Pediatrics, and the majority of health care professionals.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WES MOORE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim AUGUST 2026 as BREASTFEEDING MONTH in Maryland, and do commend this observation to all of our citizens.



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

Wes Moore
Governor

Arundell Miller
Lt. Governor

Susan C. Lee
Secretary of State