Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland

BREASTFEEDING MONTH
AUGUST 2021

WHEREAS, breastfeeding is a universal solution that enables everyone the same, fair start in life, preventing hunger, malnutrition, and food insecurity. Protecting breastfeeding provides infants the healthiest feeding for the first six months of life, and in combination with family foods during the second six months of life or longer; and

WHEREAS, enabling women to breastfeed protects our planet! Breastfeeding is a non-polluting, renewable baby food source, ecologically nurturing the mother-infant bond and ensuring environmental sustainability; and

WHEREAS, sharing the responsibility of protecting breastfeeding by providing breastfeeding employees with workplace milk expression breaks enhances breastfeeding success, while also sustaining the economy. Employers benefit from improved staff productivity and morale, lower health insurance costs, and less missed workdays by the parents; and

WHEREAS, everyone, including government, healthcare providers, employers, the media, family, and friends share the responsibility of supporting breastfeeding, ultimately empowering and enabling each family toward successful breastfeeding outcomes; and

WHEREAS, Maryland citizens are encouraged to breastfeed their children and work to protect, promote, and support breastfeeding families by aligning with international, national, and Maryland goals, including those of the United States Surgeon General, the federal Healthcare Reform laws, and the Maryland Hospital Breastfeeding Policies, as well as the American Academy of Pediatrics, and the majority of health care professionals.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LAWRENCE J. HOGAN, JR., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim AUGUST 2021 as BREASTFEEDING MONTH in Maryland, and call upon our citizens to join in this observance.

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

[Signatures]
Governor
Lieutenant Governor
Secretary of State