

The State of Maryland



Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland

BREASTFEEDING MONTH AUGUST 2018

- WHEREAS,** *Breastfeeding is a universal solution that gives everyone a fair start in life, preventing hunger, malnutrition, and food insecurity, even in times of crisis. A mother's milk alone meets her infant's needs during the first six months of life and in combination with family foods during the second six months of life or longer; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Breastfeeding sets a foundation to protect our planet! Is a non-polluting, renewable baby food source, ecologically nurturing the mother-infant bond and ensuring environmental sustainability; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Workplace milk expression breaks for employed breastfeeding mothers provides the basis to enhance breastfeeding success while also sustaining the economy, as employers benefit from improved staff productivity and morale, lower health insurance costs, and less missed work days by the parents; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The foundation of support from everyone-government, healthcare providers, employers, the media family, friends and the community influence each mother's breastfeeding outcome; 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 2018 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 eighteen

Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor

Robert K. Lutherford
Lt. Governor

John C. W. W. W.
Secretary of State