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JOHNSON-HARRELL AND MOUL, JUNE 25, 2019

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
JUNE 25, 2019

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of August 1 through 7, 2019, as "World  
2 Breastfeeding Week" in Pennsylvania and supporting  
3 breastfeeding as a way to enhance the well-being of all  
4 individuals worldwide.

5 WHEREAS, "World Breastfeeding Week" was established and is  
6 annually recognized by the World Alliance for Breastfeeding  
7 Action; and

8 WHEREAS, "World Breastfeeding Week" highlights the critical  
9 importance of breastfeeding children across the globe; and

10 WHEREAS, This year's theme is "Empower Parents and Enable  
11 Breastfeeding"; and

12 WHEREAS, The theme seeks to protect, promote and support  
13 breastfeeding through:

14 (1) Parental social protection policies and legislation.

15 (2) Parent-friendly workplaces in both formal and  
16 informal sectors.

1 (3) Parent-friendly values and gender-equitable social  
2 norms;  
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Breastfeeding provides ideal nutrition for infants  
5 and contributes to their healthy growth and development; and

6 WHEREAS, Research suggests that breastfed babies have a lower  
7 risk of acquiring the following:

8 (1) Asthma.

9 (2) Childhood leukemia.

10 (3) Childhood obesity.

11 (4) Ear infections.

12 (5) Lower respiratory infections.

13 (6) Sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS).

14 (7) Type 2 diabetes;

15 and

16 WHEREAS, Breastfeeding also improves the health and healing  
17 of mothers following childbirth and leads to a lower risk of  
18 acquiring the following:

19 (1) Type 2 diabetes.

20 (2) Certain types of breast cancer.

21 (3) Ovarian cancer;

22 and

23 WHEREAS, Breastfeeding also leads to a more productive  
24 workforce as mothers who breastfeed miss less time from work to  
25 care for sick infants than mothers who feed their infants  
26 formula; and

27 WHEREAS, Breastfeeding is a vital part of sustainable  
28 development and a key contributor to the survival and health of  
29 infants and mothers; and

30 WHEREAS, Active support, encouragement and guidance is

1 required for establishing and sustaining appropriate  
2 breastfeeding practices; and

3 WHEREAS, It is important that this Commonwealth support  
4 creating an enabling environment for women to breastfeed  
5 successfully; therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the  
7 week of August 1 through 7, 2019, as "World Breastfeeding Week"  
8 in Pennsylvania and support breastfeeding as a way to enhance  
9 the well-being of all individuals worldwide.