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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of August 1 through 7, 2020, 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, Breastfeeding is a vital part of sustainable  
11 development and a key contributor to the survival and health of  
12 infants and mothers; and

13 WHEREAS, "World Breastfeeding Week" involves annual themes  
14 focusing on health care systems, women and work, the  
15 International Code of Marketing of Breast-milk Substitutes,  
16 community support, ecology, economy, science, education and  
17 human rights; and

18 WHEREAS, In 2020, "World Breastfeeding Week" focuses on the

1 impact that infant feeding has on the environment and the  
2 importance of protecting, promoting and supporting breastfeeding  
3 for the health of the planet and its people; and

4 WHEREAS, The World Alliance for Breastfeeding Action  
5 coordinates the global "World Breastfeeding Week" campaign that  
6 aims to inform, anchor, engage and galvanize action on  
7 breastfeeding and related issues; and

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

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

- 12 (1) Asthma.
- 13 (2) Childhood leukemia.
- 14 (3) Childhood obesity.
- 15 (4) Ear infections.
- 16 (5) Lower respiratory infections.
- 17 (6) Sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS).
- 18 (7) Diabetes;

19 and

20 WHEREAS, Breastfeeding also improves the health and healing  
21 of mothers following childbirth and leads to a lower risk of  
22 acquiring the following:

- 23 (1) Type 2 diabetes.
- 24 (2) Cardiovascular disease.
- 25 (2) Breast cancer.
- 26 (3) Ovarian cancer;

27 and

28 WHEREAS, The health effects of breastfeeding are well  
29 recognized, and mothers and children in developed nations such  
30 as the United States, as well as those in developing countries,

1 experience better health outcomes from breastfeeding; and

2 WHEREAS, Breast milk is uniquely suited to an infant's  
3 nutritional needs and has unparalleled immunological and anti-  
4 inflammatory properties that protect against a host of illnesses  
5 and diseases for both mothers and children; and

6 WHEREAS, Active support, encouragement and guidance is  
7 required for establishing and sustaining appropriate  
8 breastfeeding practices; and

9 WHEREAS, It is important that the Commonwealth support  
10 creating an enabling environment for women to breastfeed  
11 successfully; therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the  
13 week of August 1 through 7, 2020, as "World Breastfeeding Week"  
14 in Pennsylvania and support breastfeeding as a way to enhance  
15 the well-being of all individuals worldwide.