

STATE OF KANSAS



PROCLAMATION  
BY THE  
GOVERNOR

TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS, GREETINGS:

Whereas the U.S. Breastfeeding Committee designates August as "National Breastfeeding Month and the World Alliance for Breastfeeding Action designates August 1-7 as World Breastfeeding Week;"

Whereas National Breastfeeding Month focuses on the use of data and measurement to build and reinforce the connections between breastfeeding and a broad spectrum of other health topics and initiatives;

Whereas National Breastfeeding Month and World Breastfeeding Week provide important opportunities to address barriers to breastfeeding faced by families across the United States and around the world;

Whereas breastfeeding is the biological norm for infant feeding and a proven primary prevention strategy that builds a foundation for life-long health and wellness;

Whereas the evidence of the value of breastfeeding to the health of the birthing parent and the child is scientific, solid, and continually reaffirmed by new research;

Whereas at the time of this Resolution, Kansas birth certificate data from 2020 indicates 89 percent of infants in Kansas were ever breastfed and data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that among Kansas infants born in 2018 only 32 percent were exclusively breastfeeding through six months of age;

Whereas the great majority of new parents want their infants to receive breast milk but face significant barriers in the community, health care, and employment settings;

Whereas protecting and supporting breastfeeding is essential to ensuring critical food security and immunologic protection for Kansas' youngest people; and

Whereas the consistent and well-documented health, economic, and environmental benefits of breastfeeding show that this is an investment that will continue to produce measurable dividends across the country and many times over for families, employers, and the government.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Laura Kelly, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, do hereby proclaim August 1<sup>st</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>, 2022 as

Kansas Breastfeeding Month

in the state of Kansas and I urge all citizens to join in this observation.



DONE: At the Capitol in Topeka  
under the Great Seal of  
the State this 1st day of  
August, A.D. 2022

BY THE GOVERNOR:

*Laura Kelly*

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Secretary of State

*Sandy Tompka*

Assistant Secretary of State