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A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF LONG BEACH RECOGNIZING AUGUST AS
NATIONAL BREASTFEEDING AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, providing only human milk in the early months of a child's life benefits society through a decrease in production and consumer waste, as well as lower health care costs by way of significantly decreased risks of many serious conditions including asthma, diabetes, and childhood obesity; and

WHEREAS, breastfeeding is a low-cost, preventive practice with far-reaching benefits for mothers, babies, and society; and

WHEREAS, the initiation of breastfeeding is a personal choice, success at breastfeeding requires a supportive environment of family, healthcare providers, employers, government, and more; and

WHEREAS, the City of Long Beach supports breastfeeding and is committed to fostering a breastfeeding culture, for families wishing to express breast milk or breastfeed in public; and

WHEREAS, the American Academy of Pediatrics has stated that breastfeeding is a "public health issue and not only a lifestyle choice;" and

WHEREAS, the Surgeon General of the United States has proclaimed a "Call to Action to Support Breastfeeding" and for "everyone to help make breastfeeding easier;"

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Long Beach resolves as follows:

Section 1. The Long Beach City Council acknowledges the benefits of breastfeeding by proclaiming the month of August as "National Breastfeeding Awareness Month."

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Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify the vote adopting this resolution.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of _____, 2015 by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: _____

Noes: Councilmembers: _____

Absent: Councilmembers: _____

City Clerk