Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Governor's Office

PROCLAMATION

PENNSYLVANIA BREASTFEEDING MONTH
August 2013

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is committed to protecting and promoting the health and well-being for all the citizens of the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, breastfeeding for at least a year, with the gradual introduction of foods around six months, lays a foundation for lifelong health and wellness for both mother and child; and

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Breastfeeding Awareness and Support Plan offers recommended actions to engage a broad spectrum of stakeholders to support breastfeeding; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania supports the global theme of World Breastfeeding Week 2013, "Breastfeeding Support: Close to Mothers," highlighting the importance of trained breastfeeding peer counseling as a cost-effective and highly productive way to reach a large number of mothers; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania celebrates the collaborative public health efforts that have increased breastfeeding initiation rates in the Commonwealth over the past decade and strives to bridge gaps in policies and programs, as well as encourages continued collaboration among lay and professional support.

THEREFORE, I, Tom Corbett, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim August 2013 as PENNSYLVANIA BREASTFEEDING MONTH and encourage all citizens across the Commonwealth to recognize the importance of breastfeeding in Pennsylvania as a priority for public health.

GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, on this twenty-sixth day of July in the year of our Lord two thousand and thirteen, and of the Commonwealth the two hundred and thirty-eighth.

Tom Corbett

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Governor