



RECOGNIZING AUGUST AS NATIONAL BREASTFEEDING MONTH

WHEREAS, Human milk feeding is widely recognized as the biological norm for infant and young child feeding and builds a foundation for lifelong health and wellness through well-documented health, economic and environmental benefits. These benefits show that this is an investment that will continue to produce measurable dividends for families, employers, the government, and the community; and

WHEREAS, Many families face barriers to achieving their infant feeding intentions due to longstanding policy gaps and underfunding of public health initiatives that address the needs of lactating parents and the providers who serve them, which disproportionately affect Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) populations, resulting in reduced breastfeeding rates and an associated increase in risk for a variety of negative health outcomes; and

WHEREAS, At the time of this Resolution, recent California Department of Public Health data show that over 96 percent of infants born in Alameda County were ever breastfed in 2020-2022, with substantial differences in breastfeeding rates between racial and ethnic groups; and

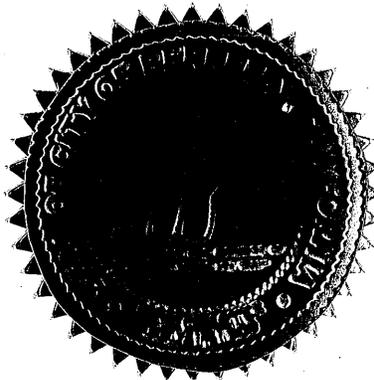
WHEREAS, Protecting and supporting human milk feeding is essential to ensuring infant nutrition security and immunologic protection for Berkeley's youngest people; and

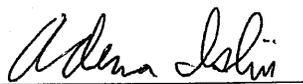
WHEREAS, National Breastfeeding Month and World Breastfeeding Week provide important opportunities to increase awareness of and address barriers to human milk feeding faced by families wherever they live, learn, work, play, and worship.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Adena Ishii, Mayor of the City of Berkeley, do hereby declare August 2025 to be

National Breastfeeding Month

in the City of Berkeley.




Adena Ishii
Mayor

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