

Substitute for House Resolution No. 123.

A resolution to declare August 2015 as Breast Feeding Awareness Month in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, Extensive research, especially in recent years, documents diverse and compelling advantages to infants, mothers, families, and society from breastfeeding and the use of human milk for infant feeding. These include health, nutritional, immunological, developmental, psychological, social, economic, and environmental benefits; and

Whereas, Breastfeeding provides significant health benefits to the mother as well as the infant, and provides maternal protection from breast cancer and ovarian cancer. Research indicates the incidence of breast cancer in the United States and other developed countries could be reduced by longer duration of breastfeeding; and

Whereas, Worldwide studies show that babies who are breastfed have higher rates of survival; and

Whereas, Breastfed babies have reduced numbers of viral and bacterial infections resulting in fewer cases of necrotizing enterocolitis, diarrhea, otitis media, meningitis and respiratory infections; and

Whereas, Any genuine promotion of family values should encourage acceptance of this most basic act of nurture between a mother and her child; and

Whereas, The Michigan Legislature encourages breastfeeding and commends employers, both in the public and the private sector, who make accommodations for breastfeeding mothers whenever feasible; and

Whereas, The Michigan Legislature recognizes that breastfeeding is an important and basic act of nurture that should be supported in the interests of maternal and child health; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare August 2015 as Breast Feeding Awareness Month in the state of Michigan.