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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
SEPTEMBER 21, 2017

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of August 1 through 7, 2017, as "World  
2 Breastfeeding Week" in Pennsylvania and supporting  
3 breastfeeding as a way to enhance the well-being of all  
4 individuals worldwide.

5 WHEREAS, "World Breastfeeding Week" was established and is  
6 annually recognized by the World Alliance for Breastfeeding  
7 Action; and

8 WHEREAS, The "World Breastfeeding Week's" 25th year in 2017  
9 celebrates working together for the common good; and

10 WHEREAS, This year's theme is "Sustaining Breastfeeding  
11 Together"; and

12 WHEREAS, The four thematic areas of "World Breastfeeding  
13 Week" this year are:

- 14 (1) Nutrition, Food Security and Poverty Reduction.  
15 (2) Survival, Health and Well-Being.  
16 (3) Environment and Climate Change.  
17 (4) Women's Productivity and Employment;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, Breastfeeding provides ideal nutrition for infants  
3 and contributes to their healthy growth and development; and

4 WHEREAS, Research suggests that breastfed babies have a lower  
5 risk of acquiring the following:

6 (1) Asthma.

7 (2) Childhood leukemia.

8 (3) Childhood obesity.

9 (4) Ear infections.

10 (5) Lower respiratory infections.

11 (6) Sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS).

12 (7) Type 2 diabetes;

13 and

14 WHEREAS, Breastfeeding also improves the health and healing  
15 of mothers following childbirth and leads to a lower risk of  
16 acquiring the following:

17 (1) Type 2 diabetes.

18 (2) Certain types of breast cancer.

19 (3) Ovarian cancer;

20 and

21 WHEREAS, Breastfeeding also leads to a more productive work  
22 force as mothers who breastfeed miss less time from work to care  
23 for sick infants than mothers who feed their infants formula;

24 and

25 WHEREAS, Breastfeeding is a vital part of sustainable  
26 development and a key contributor to the survival and health of  
27 infants and mothers; and

28 WHEREAS, The protection, promotion and support of  
29 breastfeeding is a collective societal responsibility shared by  
30 all individuals; and

1       WHEREAS, It is important that this Commonwealth support  
2   creating an enabling environment for women to breastfeed  
3   successfully; therefore be it

4       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the  
5   week of August 1 through 7, 2017, as "World Breastfeeding Week"  
6   in Pennsylvania and support breastfeeding as a way to enhance  
7   the well-being of all individuals worldwide.