

STATE OF ILLINOIS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
Proclamation

WHEREAS, human breastmilk is widely acknowledged to be the only substance that provides complete nutrition and immunologic protection to an infant; and,

WHEREAS, breastfeeding promotes healthier mothers and babies, stronger family bonds, is economical, and benefits society through lower health care costs; and,

WHEREAS, breastfeeding is recognized by many health organizations, such as the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, the American Academy of Family Physicians, the American Dietetic Association, and the National Association of WIC Directors as the preferred method of infant feeding, and they support breastfeeding throughout the early years of life; and,

WHEREAS, the World Alliance for Breastfeeding has designated the first week of August as World Breastfeeding Week, with the theme "Just 10 Steps, the Baby-friendly Way," to revitalize activities within health systems and among health care providers and communities to support women in achieving their breastfeeding intentions; and,

WHEREAS, in Illinois, the Department of Human Services continues to foster networking and collaboration between those with breastfeeding skills and breastfeeding advocates, communities, and health professionals on how they can actively support and promote breastfeeding; and,

WHEREAS, the Illinois State Breastfeeding Task Force continues to work towards the vision that someday all families will live, work, and receive health care in a breastfeeding friendly culture, and a change will be created that results in breastfeeding as the cultural norm:

THEREFORE, I, Pat Quinn, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim August 2010 as **BREASTFEEDING PROMOTION MONTH** in Illinois, to increase public awareness, support and acceptance of breastfeeding.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.



Done at the Capitol, in the City of Springfield,
this EIGHTH day of JULY, in
the Year of Our Lord two thousand and
TEN, and of the State of Illinois
the one hundred and NINETY-SECOND

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SECRETARY OF STATE

Pat Quinn

GOVERNOR