Resolution No. 2020 - 139

RESOLUTION OF THE SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RECOGNIZING AUGUST AS BREASTFEEDING AWARENESS MONTH IN SOLANO COUNTY

WHEREAS, National Breastfeeding Month is celebrated across the United States every August to recognize the importance of breastfeeding for all families, the environment and society; and

WHEREAS, breastfeeding is a key element in the health and wellbeing of every child from the beginning of their life; and

WHEREAS, breastmilk provides critical immunological components including antibodies, immune factors, enzymes and cells that protect infants from a wide variety of diseases and infections; and

WHEREAS, breastfeeding gives every child an equitable and optimal start in life; particularly among economically disadvantaged and vulnerable groups; and

WHEREAS, breastfeeding is a natural, low-cost way of feeding babies and children that is affordable for everyone without burdening household budgets as compared to artificial feeding; and

WHEREAS, breastfeeding safeguards infant health and nutrition in times of adversity, natural disasters, and unprecedented pandemics; and

WHEREAS, breastfeeding helps reduce maternal depression and improves infant and maternal mental health; and

WHEREAS, this year, the Breastfeeding Coalition will conduct its fifth annual Donor Breast Milk Drive in October to receive donations for the San Jose Mother's Milk Bank that provides needed breastmilk for premature and medically-fragile infants.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Solano County Board of Supervisors hereby declares August as "National Breastfeeding Month" and joins other counties and states in this observance.

Dated this 28th day of July, 2020

ERIN HANNIGAN, Chairwoman Solano County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

BIRGITTA E. CORSELLO, Clerk Solano County Board of Supervisors