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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
JULY 22, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of August 1 through August 7, 2015, as
2 "World Breastfeeding Week" in Pennsylvania.

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

6 WHEREAS, "World Breastfeeding Week" calls for concerted
7 global action to support and urge women to combine breastfeeding
8 and work; and

9 WHEREAS, This year's theme is "Breastfeeding & Work: Let's
10 Make It Work!"; and

11 WHEREAS, Whether a woman is working inside or outside of the
12 home, it is important that every mother be empowered to exercise
13 her right and her baby's right to breastfeed; and

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

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

- 3 (1) Asthma.
- 4 (2) Childhood leukemia.
- 5 (3) Childhood obesity.
- 6 (4) Ear infections.
- 7 (5) Eczema.
- 8 (6) Lower respiratory infections.
- 9 (7) Sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS).
- 10 (8) Type 2 diabetes.

11 WHEREAS, Breastfeeding also improves the health and healing
12 of mothers following childbirth and leads to a lower risk of
13 acquiring the following:

- 14 (1) Type 2 diabetes.
- 15 (2) Certain types of breast cancer.
- 16 (3) Ovarian cancer.

17 WHEREAS, Breastfeeding saves money for families and the
18 nation as a whole; and

19 WHEREAS, The United States could save billions of dollars per
20 year if more babies were breastfed as medical care costs are
21 lower for fully breastfed infants than never-breastfed infants;
22 and

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

27 WHEREAS, It is important that this Commonwealth support
28 actions taken to set up breastfeeding or mother-friendly
29 workplaces, including recognition for breastfeeding-friendly
30 employers and a greater awareness of the right of working women

1 to breastfeed; therefore be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
3 week of August 1 through August 7, 2015, as "World Breastfeeding
4 Week" in Pennsylvania and support women who breastfeed and
5 policies that make workplaces more friendly to working mothers
6 who breastfeed.