

St. Johns County, Florida

A RESOLUTION

By

The Board of County Commissioners

Whereas, Every baby in St. Johns County deserves the best possible start in life; and

Whereas, All available knowledge indicates that human milk optimally enhances the growth, development and well-being of the infant by providing the very best possible nutrition and immunological protection, as well as promoting maternal and infant bonding; and

Whereas, Breast-feeding has benefits for society through stronger family bonds, increased self-esteem, and decreased health care costs for mothers and babies; and

Whereas, The United States has one of the highest infant mortality rates of industrialized nations, and Florida ranks in the bottom half of all states in most infant health measures; and

Whereas, Florida has made improved health for mothers and babies a priority by adopting the statewide Healthy Start Initiative; and

Whereas, Florida Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies has joined with the Florida section of NAACOG, the Florida Lactation Consultants Association, the La Leche League of Florida, the Florida WIC Program and other community and health professional groups in promoting breast-feeding in the state:

Now Therefore, Be it resolved, that the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, proclaims the first week in August, 1993, as

ST. JOHNS COUNTY BREAST-FEEDING WEEK

And urges all citizens to join in promoting, supporting and protecting breast-feeding as a high priority for healthier babies and mothers in our county.



Luisa Balsevage
Chair

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Clerk