

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

PROCLAMATION NO. _____

Proclaiming August as Local Breastfeeding Month in Multnomah County

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds, whereas:

- a. The people of Multnomah County are deserving of good health.
- b. Health agencies worldwide acknowledge that breast milk optimally enhances the growth, development and well-being of infants, and provides the best protection against specific infection and allergies.
- c. Breastfeeding promotes healthier mothers and benefits everyone through lower health care costs for children, a healthier workforce and stronger family bonds.
- d. Oregon has one of the highest breastfeeding rates in the United States.
- e. Breastfeeding helps prevent obesity and other health problems.
- f. The longer a mother can breastfeed, the healthier her child will be.
- g. Breastfeeding is recognized by many major medical organizations, including 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.
- h. Multnomah County will celebrate this month in conjunction with National Breastfeeding Month – August 2011

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Proclaims:

The month of August 2011 as Multnomah County Breastfeeding Month and welcomes all residents to support breastfeeding mothers at home, in the workplace and in public.

ADOPTED this fourth day of August, 2011.

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Jeff Cogen, Chair