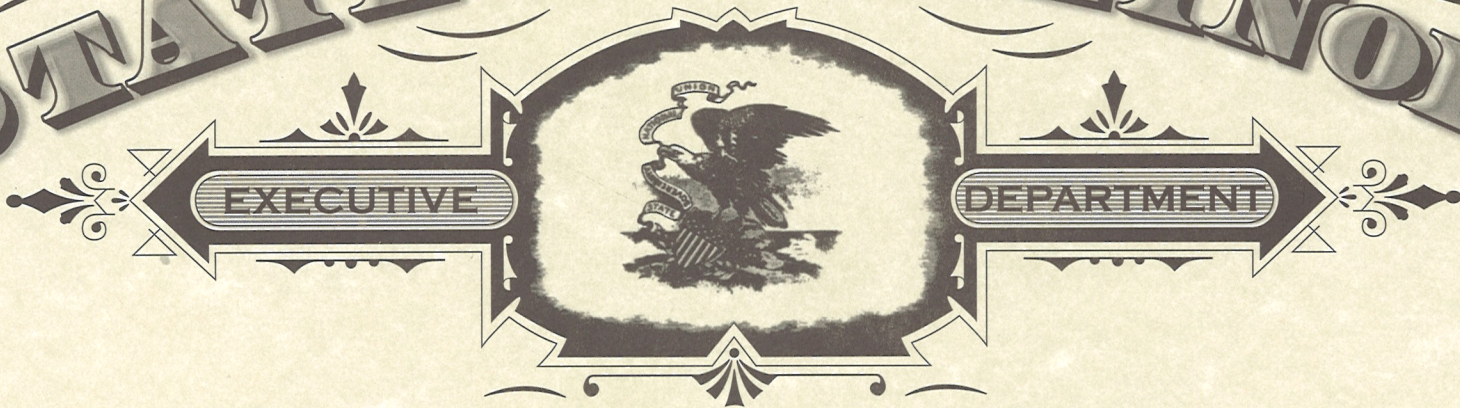


STATE OF ILLINOIS



Proclamation

WHEREAS, breastfeeding remains the most natural way of feeding infants and serves as part of a foundation for life-long health and wellness; and,

WHEREAS, exclusive breastfeeding, recommended and supported by the American Academy of Pediatrics, provides benefits that are not received by partially breastfed infants; and,

WHEREAS, infants receiving human milk are protected against serious long term health conditions including obesity, respiratory and ear infections, asthma, allergies, diarrhea, childhood cancer, Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, and less than optimal brain development; and,

WHEREAS, breastfeeding promotes strong family bonds while providing economical and societal benefits through lowered health care costs; and,

WHEREAS, establishing donor human milk banks ensures all infants have access to breast milk; and,

WHEREAS, a united effort is needed from business, communities, governmental leaders and health care providers to support breastfeeding; and,

WHEREAS, businesses can ensure that working mothers have an appropriate place and reasonable break time to express their milk, and communities can support existing laws that protect a mother's right to breastfeed her child in any public location; and,

WHEREAS, in an effort to support breastfeeding, government leaders provide guidance on implementing the Illinois Blueprint to Breastfeeding, hospitals pursue baby friendly designation, and health care providers support the ten steps to successful breastfeeding, all of whom are responsible for supporting the International Code of Marketing of Breast-Milk Substitutes; and,

*THEREFORE, I, Pat Quinn, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim August 2013 as **BREASTFEEDING MONTH** in Illinois, and encourage promotion of a breastfeeding friendly culture throughout the State.*

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 FOURTH day of JUNE, in
the Year of Our Lord two thousand and
THIRTEEN, and of the State of Illinois
the one hundred and NINETY-FIFTH

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SECRETARY OF STATE

Pat Quinn
GOVERNOR