



CHARLIE CRIST
GOVERNOR

BREASTFEEDING MONTH

WHEREAS, the children of Florida are deserving of good health; and

WHEREAS, all available knowledge indicates that human milk optimally enhances the growth, development, and well-being of the infant by providing the best possible nutrition, protection against specific infection and allergies, and the promotion of maternal and infant bonding; and

WHEREAS, breastfeeding promotes healthy mothers and benefits society through low health care costs for infants, a healthy workforce, strong family bonds, and less waste; and

WHEREAS, breastfeeding is economical, providing its benefits at little or no cost; and


WHEREAS, government and community organizations have a vested interest in protecting and promoting breastfeeding as a means of preventing infant malnutrition, morbidity and mortality; and

WHEREAS, the families of Florida need reliable sources of information to make an informed choice about the care and feeding of infants;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Charlie Crist, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing August 2009 as ***Breastfeeding Month***.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capitol, this 21th day of July, in the year two thousand nine.




Governor