



STATE OF NEW MEXICO EXECUTIVE OFFICE SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the American Academy of Pediatrics and World Health Organization recommend exclusive breastfeeding for about the first six months of life, with continued breastfeeding while introducing complementary foods for two years or as long as mutually desired by the mother and child; and

WHEREAS, the consistent and well-documented health, economic, and environmental benefits of human milk feeding show that this is an investment that will continue to produce measurable dividends across the country and many times over for families, employers, and the government; and

WHEREAS, there are longstanding policy gaps and underfunding of public health initiatives that address the needs of lactating parents and the providers that serve them, which unduly impact Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) populations, resulting in reduced breastfeeding rates and an associated increase in risk for a variety of negative health outcomes; and

WHEREAS, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention data shows that among infants born in 2020, 83.4 percent of infants in New Mexico were ever breastfed; and

WHEREAS, National Breastfeeding Month and World Breastfeeding Week provide important opportunities to address barriers to human milk feeding faced by families across the United States and around the world.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Michelle Lujan Grisham, Governor of the State of New Mexico, do hereby proclaim August 2024, as:

“Breastfeeding Month”

throughout the state of New Mexico.

Attest:

Done at the Executive Office this
12th day of July 2024.

Handwritten signature of Maggie Toulouse Oliver in cursive.

Maggie Toulouse Oliver
Secretary of State

Witness my hand and the Great Seal
of the State of New Mexico.

Handwritten signature of Michelle Lujan Grisham in cursive.

Michelle Lujan Grisham
Governor