

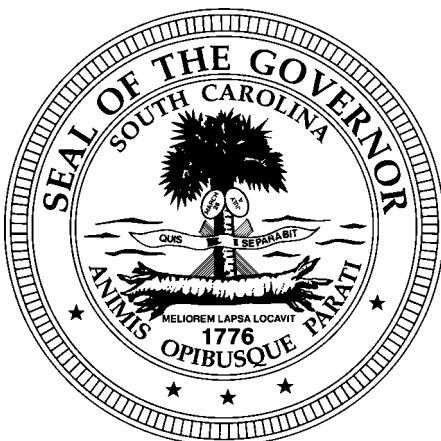
*State of South Carolina*  
*Proclamation*  
*by*  
*Governor Jim Hodges*

- WHEREAS,** breastfeeding promotes early maternal and infant bonding and encourages the development of communication skills between mother and child which help build trust and a sense of security; and
- WHEREAS,** breastfeeding protects infant health by providing babies with an ideal balance of nutrients and a high degree of natural immunity against infection and allergies; and
- WHEREAS,** the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Academy of Family Physicians, the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and other health care professionals and organizations recognize breastfeeding as a preferred method of feeding for a majority of infants; and
- WHEREAS,** in celebration of World Breastfeeding Month, the South Carolina State and Regional Breastfeeding Coalitions, the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, the WIC Program, area hospitals, and the La Leche League will sponsor activities throughout the Palmetto State designed to heighten public awareness of the positive impact of breastfeeding on infant health and well-being.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Jim Hodges, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim August, 2001, as

**SOUTH CAROLINA BREASTFEEDING PROMOTION  
MONTH**

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the many benefits of breastfeeding for mothers and infants throughout the Palmetto State.



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