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PROCLAMATION

“Breastfeeding Awareness Month in San Benito County”

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, and protection against serious health conditions, including obesity, diabetes and allergies; and

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

Whereas, breastfeeding benefits society through lower health care costs for infants, a healthier workforce, stronger family bonds, and less landfill waste; and

Whereas, breastfeeding saves lives by reducing the incidence of several types of life threatening cancers in women and serious illnesses in vulnerable infants; and

Whereas, the professionals at San Benito Health Foundation, WIC Program, promote breastfeeding education and resources to all families of San Benito County and their employers, such as the lactation accommodation laws requiring employers to provide their breastfeeding employees both the time and a private space in which to either nurse their infants or to express breast milk for their benefit; and

Whereas, this year’s World Breastfeeding Week (WBW) theme, “**A Key to Sustainable Development!**” The theme responds to the current SDG goals that enable the breastfeeding movement to connect with a variety of development issues over the next 15 years (2030) for maximum impact. A process by asserting the importance of increasing and sustaining the protection, promotion and support of breastfeeding in the post 2016 agenda, and engaging as may groups, and people of various ages as possible; and

Whereas, the people of San Benito County, California are deserving of good health; and

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the San Benito County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim August 2016 as “Breastfeeding Awareness Month” in the County of San Benito, California in order to actively promote breastfeeding as the optimum and preferred method of infant feeding and as our community’s cultural norm.

In witness of the approval of this proclamation by the Board of Supervisors of
San Benito County on this 9th day of August 2016.

Robert Rivas, Chairman
San Benito County Board of Supervisors