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To Recognize August as Breastfeeding Awareness Month in the City of Columbus.

WHEREAS, the residents of the City of Columbus are deserving of good health throughout their lives; and

WHEREAS, in an emergency, breastfeeding is life-saving protection; and

WHEREAS, breastfeeding is sanitary and safe, requires no electricity or water, and helps calm the baby and mother who may be experiencing trauma during an emergency; and

WHEREAS, breastfeeding babies and mothers need support before an emergency occurs in order to continue this life-saving protection under the stressful conditions an emergency brings; and

WHEREAS, a plan to support and protect breastfeeding is an essential part of a community's emergency preparedness; and

WHEREAS, World Breastfeeding Month is a time to recognize the importance of breastfeeding around the world; and

WHEREAS, the theme for 2009 is "Breastfeeding: A Vital Emergency Response - Are You Ready?"; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

That we do hereby recognize August 2009 as Breastfeeding Awareness Month and support the efforts of the Women, Infants and Children and other Maternal and Child Health staff in promoting breastfeeding in Columbus.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Council calls upon members of our community to support breastfeeding as the normal, healthy way to feed infants especially during emergencies and disasters.