

PROCLAMATION

Breastfeeding Awareness Month

August 2021

WHEREAS, breastfeeding is recommended by the United States Surgeon General, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American College of Obstetricians, and Gynecologists, the American Academy of Family Physicians, the American Dietetic Association, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund, and the World Health Organization the Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health; and Carson City Health and Human Services; and

WHEREAS, the United States Breastfeeding Committee declares August National Breastfeeding Awareness month and celebrates World Breastfeeding Week August 1-7th to promote continuity of care for families each step of their feeding journey; 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; and

WHEREAS, human milk is easily digested and contains antibodies passed from the mother to the infant and help protect against illness and allergies; and

WHEREAS, human milk is a safe infant feeding choice during the COVID-19 pandemic and contains antibodies passed from mother to infant which protect against infection from COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, breastfeeding promotes healthier mothers, infants, and children, and benefits society through lower health care costs, improved health, a more stable workforce, and less waste; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lori Bagwell, Mayor of Carson City, Nevada do hereby proclaim August as "Breastfeeding Awareness Month." Carson City supports continued research and education to promote breastfeeding as a high priority to improve the health of infants, children, and women in our community



Dated this 5th day of August 2021

Lori Bagwell
