



PROCLAMATION

19-04



WHEREAS, breastfeeding is a proven primary prevention strategy, protecting both infants and mothers from a host of chronic and acute diseases and conditions and building a foundation for life-long health and wellness; and

WHEREAS, employers that provide workplace lactation support experience an impressive return on investment, including lower health care costs, absenteeism, and turnover rates, and improved morale, job satisfaction, and productivity, and breastfeeding is economical, providing its benefits at little or no cost and providing a safe, renewable food source, especially critical during natural disaster and emergency situations; and

WHEREAS, all major medical authorities recommend that mothers breastfeed exclusively for six months and continue breastfeeding for at least the first year of a child's life, yet breastfeeding rates continue to fall short of the nation's Healthy People 2020 objectives; and

WHEREAS, AdventHealth Ottawa is committed to providing maternity care practices supportive of breastfeeding as evidence by their recognition as "High 5 for Mom & Baby" hospitals; and

WHEREAS, Franklin County has an active and effective local breastfeeding coalition, a local breastfeeding support group, and 25 public establishments supportive of mothers needing to nurse in public as evidenced by their participation in the "Breastfeeding Welcome Here" program; and

WHEREAS, Franklin County has five (5) employers who have received the "Breastfeeding Employee Support Award" in recognition of their high-level support of their breastfeeding employees, and 21 child care providers who have completed a course in "How to Support the Breastfeeding Family"; and

WHEREAS, Franklin County has built a culture of breastfeeding support through the above activities and has met all criteria established by the Kansas Breastfeeding Coalition to be recognized as a community supporting breastfeeding.

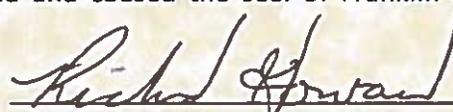
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Howard, Franklin County Commissioner, do hereby proclaim Franklin County, Kansas as a

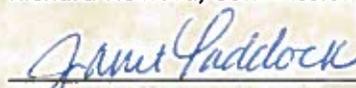
Community Supporting Breastfeeding

and encourage all citizens to support breastfeeding families wherever and whenever possible.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Franklin County, Kansas, to be affixed this 21st day of August, 2019.




Richard Howard, Commission Chair


Janet Paddock, County Clerk