

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF BREASTFEEDING; URGING EMPLOYERS TO SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGE BREASTFEEDING BY PROVIDING ACCOMMODATIONS FOR EMPLOYEES; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and the World Health Organization recommend that babies be exclusively breastfed for the first six months of life, and to continue breastfeeding until 12 months of age, or longer if mutually desired; and

WHEREAS, breastfeeding is an important and basic act of nurturing which is encouraged in the interests of maternal and child health and family values; and

WHEREAS, a mother may breastfeed her baby in any location, public or private, where the mother is otherwise authorized to be; and

WHEREAS, the many benefits of breastfeeding result in better health and lower healthcare costs for mother and child; and

WHEREAS, mothers who breastfeed have a decreased risk of breast, uterine and ovarian cancer, postpartum depression and osteoporosis later in life; and

WHEREAS, there are nutrients exclusive to human milk that are vital to the growth and development of the human brain; and

WHEREAS, employers, employees, families and society benefit by supporting a mother's decision to breastfeed, and by reducing the obstacles to initiating and continuing breastfeeding; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: That the City Commission of the City of Key West recognizes the unique health, economic and societal benefits that breastfeeding provides to babies, mothers, families and the community, and affirms that barriers to initiation and continuation of breastfeeding should be removed.

Section 2: The City Commission encourages employers to support and encourage breastfeeding by striving to provide accommodations, including appropriate space and time, to allow nursing mothers to express their milk.

Section 3: That this Resolution shall go into effect immediately upon its passage and adoption and authentication by the signature of the Presiding Officer and the Clerk of the Commission.

Passed and adopted by the City Commission at a meeting held this

_____ day of _____, 2017.

Authenticated by the Presiding Officer and Clerk of the Commission

on _____ day of _____, 2017.

Filed with the Clerk on _____, 2017.

Mayor Craig Cates _____

Vice Mayor Clayton Lopez _____

Commissioner Sam Kaufman _____

Commissioner Richard Payne _____

Commissioner Margaret Romero _____

Commissioner Billy Wardlow _____

Commissioner Jimmy Weekley _____

CRAIG CATES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

CHERYL SMITH, CITY CLERK