

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON**

PROCLAMATION NO. 2020-070

Proclaiming August 25th to 31st, 2020 as Black Breastfeeding Week in Multnomah County, Oregon.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

WHEREAS; Multnomah County is committed to reducing infant mortality and improving the health outcomes of Black mothers and babies through respectful community-clinical practices and interventions; and

WHEREAS; August is National Breastfeeding Month, an initiative designed to celebrate, support, and promote awareness of the benefits of breastfeeding; and

WHEREAS; Black Breastfeeding Week is an initiative intended to celebrate and encourage Black women to breastfeed; and

WHEREAS; racial inequities in breastfeeding rates persist and are the result of barriers in healthcare, employment, and community settings as well as racial and ethnic discrimination; and

WHEREAS; Multnomah County recognizes the physical and mental benefits of breastfeeding for both babies and mothers, as well as the importance of reducing racial disparities in healthcare and birth outcomes for babies; and

WHEREAS; promoting diversity in the lactation field and applauding the work of community breastfeeding champions is very important, and Black Breastfeeding Week provides the opportunity to encourage government agencies, community-based organizations, and academic institutions to share this message and work together to engage in equity efforts in their communities.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Proclaims:

August 25th – 31st, 2020 as **Black Breastfeeding Week** in Multnomah County, Oregon, in recognition and celebration of the importance of Black Breastfeeding in our community.

ADOPTED this 20th day of August, 2020.



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

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