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Proclamation

Breastfeeding Family Friendly Community

WHEREAS, families are a priority in Henderson County and part of helping them thrive is ensuring community support to develop and sustain healthy lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, according to the American Academy of Pediatrics, Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology, American Academy of Family Physicians and other leading health organizations, breastfeeding is the optimal food for infants; and

WHEREAS, a mother's decision to breastfeed her baby should be supported by her family and community; and

WHEREAS, breastfeeding is associated with lower rates of childhood illness such as diabetes and infectious diseases and reduced risk of maternal breast and ovarian cancers and a faster recovery from childbirth as compared to formula feeding; and

WHEREAS, breastfeeding promotes bonding, benefits the entire family and is associated with lifelong health and development; and

WHEREAS, collaborating with healthcare providers and community resources can positively impact breastfeeding success; and

WHEREAS, a breastfeeding family friendly community encourages families of all races and ethnicities to continue breastfeeding by providing a supporting and welcoming environment; and

WHEREAS, the World Alliance for Breastfeeding Action is dedicated to the protection, promotion and support of breastfeeding worldwide with the annual international observance of World Breastfeeding Week August 1-7; and

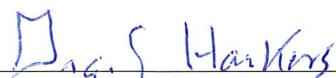
WHEREAS, our community efforts to advance breastfeeding are directly supported by the Henderson County Board of Health and the Henderson County Breastfeeding Coalition;

NOW, THEREFORE, on this 18th day of November 2020, and henceforth, we, the Henderson County Board of Commissioners, declare the County of Henderson to be a Breastfeeding Family Friendly Community.

Adopted this 18th day of November 2020.

Attest:


Teresa L. Wilson, Clerk


Grady H. Hawkins, Chairman
Henderson County Board of Commissioners