

## COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF COMMENDATION)
AND APPRECIATION TO THE SANTA)
BARBARA COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH)
DEPARTMENT NUTRITION SERVICES/)
WIC PROGRAM FOR WORLD)
BREASTFEEDING MONTH ACTIVITIES)

WHEREAS, breastfeeding has well-documented benefits for mothers' and children's health; and

WHEREAS, the physical and emotional health of the mother should be protected, promoted and supported to ensure healthy pregnancy, childbirth and breastfeeding; and

WHEREAS, all available knowledge indicates that human milk enhances the growth, development and well-being of the infant by providing the best possible nutrition, protection against infections, and the promotion of maternal and infant bonding; and

WHEREAS, governments and communities have the moral responsibility to make sure that they protect the health of women and children; and

WHEREAS, many medical associations recognize the importance of breastfeeding in promoting health; and

WHEREAS, World Breastfeeding month reminds us that breastfeeding has health benefits for both mothers and babies with the theme for 2002 of "Breastfeeding: Healthy Mothers and Healthy Babies."

THEREFORE, we proclaim August 2002 as Breastfeeding Month in <u>Santa Barbara County</u>.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 1st of August, 2002, by a unanimous vote of all members present.

AFTEST:

Werk of the Board

Supervisor 2nd District
Supervisor 3nd District
Supervisor 4th District

Supervisor ~ 5th District