

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS, families are a priority in Durham, and ensuring they receive community support to develop and sustain healthy lifestyles will help them to thrive; and*

*WHEREAS, according to the American Academy of Pediatrics, American Dietetic Association, American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology, American Academy of Family Physicians, World Health Organization, and other leading health organizations, breastmilk is the optimal food for infants; and*

*WHEREAS, a parent's decision to breastfeed should be supported by their family, workplace, and community; and*

*WHEREAS, the Mayor's Council for Women was established to improve the opportunities and quality of life of all women and girls in the City of Durham; and*

*WHEREAS, by providing a supportive and welcoming environment, a breastfeeding-friendly community encourages all families to continue breastfeeding.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Stephen M. Schewel, Mayor of the City of Durham, North Carolina do hereby proclaim the City of Durham to be a*

## **"BREASTFEEDING FRIENDLY COMMUNITY"**

*in Durham and hereby urge all residents and community institutions to support and encourage breastfeeding.*

*WITNESS my hand and the corporate seal of the City of Durham, North Carolina, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of August 2018.*



*Stephen M. Schewel*

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Mayor