



Proclamation



PROCLAMATION “BREASTFEEDING FAMILY FRIENDLY COMMUNITY”

WHEREAS, families are a priority in Carrboro, and part of helping families to thrive is ensuring that they receive community support to develop and sustain healthy lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, according to the American Academy of Pediatrics, American Dietetic Association, 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 parent’s decision to breastfeed should be supported by family members and community; and

WHEREAS, breastfeeding is associated with lower rates of childhood illness, such as obesity, diabetes, and infectious diseases, as well as 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, our community is proud to have a hospital (University of North Carolina – NC Women’s Hospital) and a birthing center (Women’s Birth and Wellness Center) with Baby Friendly Hospital Initiative designation; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Lydia E. Lavelle, Mayor of the Town of Carrboro, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the Town of Carrboro to be a “**Breastfeeding Family Friendly Community.**”

This the 16th day of October 2018

Lydia E. Lavelle, Mayor