



*Proclamation*  
*Mayor Tim Kabat*  
*City of La Crosse*

**WHEREAS**, breastfeeding requires evidence-based unbiased information and a warm chain of community support to create an environment that empowers mothers to breastfeed; although breastfeeding is the mother's domain, it takes support from fathers, partners, families, workplaces and communities; and

**WHEREAS**, breastfeeding is one of the best investments in saving lives and improving health for both mom and baby; and

**WHEREAS**, although global breastfeeding rates are high, in Wisconsin only 29% of infants are exclusively breastfeeding at 6 months and over 15% receive formula by the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of life; and

**WHEREAS**, while improvements are being made, action is still needed to meet the Healthy People 2020 breastfeeding goals which include more than 60% of moms breastfeeding until at least six months and at least 34% breastfeeding until at least one year; and

**WHEREAS**, despite breastfeeding being the optimal way to feed an infant, breastfeeding is a team effort.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM KABAT, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF LA CROSSE**, do hereby proclaim August 1<sup>st</sup> – August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019 as

**“WORLD BREASTFEEDING WEEK”**

Dated on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of August in the year Two Thousand Nineteen.



*Tim Kabat*  
MAYOR TIM KABAT