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## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING THE BREASTFEEDING MOTHERS' BILL OF RIGHTS OFFERED AS  
SENATE BILL NO. 1674 AND ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 3782 IN THE NEW  
YORK STATE LEGISLATURE.

1           WHEREAS, numerous studies and reports published in the last  
2 several decades by the Centers for Disease Control, Food and  
3 Drug Administration, and American Academy of Pediatrics have  
4 concluded that breastfed infants are healthier than bottle-fed  
5 babies; and

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7           WHEREAS, studies continue to show that breastfed infants  
8 have fewer hospital stays, suffer fewer ear and gastrointestinal  
9 infections, rashes, food allergies, and diarrhea and are at  
10 lower risk for sudden infant death syndrome, asthma, and obesity  
11 than bottle-fed babies; and

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13           WHEREAS, breastfeeding also has economic benefits, as  
14 mothers can expect to spend as much \$700 or more for the first  
15 year of formula feeding; and

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17           WHEREAS, a United States Department of Agriculture analysis  
18 estimates that at least \$3,600,000,000 could be saved nationally  
19 if only fifty per cent of mothers breastfed their infants until  
20 they were at least six months old; and

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22           WHEREAS, women who receive appropriate, culturally  
23 sensitive information and support about breastfeeding during and  
24 immediately following their childbirth delivery are eight times  
25 more likely to continue breastfeeding for at least six weeks  
26 compared to women who received little or no post delivery  
27 support about breastfeeding; and

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29           WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 1674 and Assembly Bill No. 3782 of  
30 the New York State Legislature propose to codify every woman's  
31 right to be informed about the benefits of breastfeeding and to



1 have an environment that is conducive to what all pediatricians  
2 agree to be the safest and healthiest choice for newborn and  
3 infant feeding; and  
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5 WHEREAS, the bills propose adoption of a statement of  
6 rights, known as the breastfeeding mothers' bill of rights, to:  
7 provide mothers with basic breastfeeding-related rights before,  
8 during and after the birth of their baby; require that the  
9 statement of rights be conspicuously posted in a public place in  
10 maternal health care facilities, nurseries, maternity floors,  
11 and post-delivery recovery rooms; and require assistance from  
12 lactation specialists in the hospital and after discharge; now,  
13 therefore,  
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15 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth  
16 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2007, the  
17 House of Representatives concurring, that the Legislature  
18 expresses its support for the breastfeeding mothers' bill of  
19 rights offered in Senate Bill No. 1674 and Assembly Bill No.  
20 3782 of the New York State Legislature; and  
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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
23 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to Speaker Sheldon Silver  
24 of the New York State Assembly, President Joseph Bruno of the  
25 New York State Senate, and to the introducers of the respective  
26 bills, State Senator Liz Krueger and State Assemblywoman Aileen  
27 Gunther.  
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