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RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TULSA, OKLAHOMA, SUPPORTING THE RIGHT AND FREEDOM OF WOMEN TO BREASTFEED OR OTHERWISE EXPRESS BREAST MILK IN THEIR PLACES OF EMPLOYMENT AND IN ALL PUBLIC PLACES OF THE CITY OF TULSA.

WHEREAS the City of Tulsa is actively committed to promoting the health, quality of life and wellbeing of its employees and citizenry; and

WHEREAS health professionals, including the American Academy of Pediatrics and the World Health Organization, recommend exclusive breastfeeding for the first six months of a child’s life and continued breastfeeding, along with appropriate complementary foods, for up to two years or longer; and

WHEREAS offering environments that are friendly to breast expression and breastfeeding contribute to the optimal development of young children and to the well-being of women, families and society; and

WHEREAS breastfeeding anywhere in public is a right protected in the State of Oklahoma pursuant to the Maternal Infant Care Act, 63 O.S.2011, Section 1-234.1, and in all fifty states; and

WHEREAS parents are still asked all too often not to breastfeed in public places.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TULSA THAT:

Section 1. The City of Tulsa will undertake a series of measures to facilitate, welcome and protect the act of breastfeeding and breast expression in municipal public places or in any public place.

Section 2. The City of Tulsa will clearly identify municipal public places as environments where women are free to express breast milk and breastfeed without the obligation to cover up.

Section 3. The City of Tulsa will implement a pro-breastfeeding and a pro-breast expression policy in all of its public places and make it known to its managers, employees and the general population.

Section 4. The City of Tulsa has adopted a policy to support breastfeeding and breast expressing employees and make it known to all managers and employees.

Section 5. The City of Tulsa will support the implementation of a network of places offering breastfeeding and breast expression facilities with no purchase obligation and encourage restaurant and store operators to value breastfeeding and breast expression in their establishments.

Section 6. The City of Tulsa will participate in and support the organization of events that value breastfeeding and breast expression in all public places.

ADOPTED by the Council _____
Date

Chair of the Council

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Received by the Mayor: _____, at _____.
Date Time

By: _____
Secretary

APPROVED by the Mayor of the City of Tulsa, Oklahoma: _____
Date

At _____.
Time

Mayor

(Seal)
ATTEST:

City Clerk

APPROVED:

City Attorney