

ORIGINAL HOUSE  
JOINT RESOLUTION  
BILL NO. 0005

**ENGROSSED**

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FIFTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING  
2003 GENERAL SESSION

A JOINT RESOLUTION recognizing breastfeeding's value to the state and its citizens.

WHEREAS, the American Academy of Pediatrics issued a policy statement in 1997 saying, "Extensive research, especially in recent years, documents diverse and compelling advantages to infants, mothers, families, and society from breastfeeding and the use of human milk for infant feeding. These include health, nutritional, immunological, developmental, psychological, social, economic, and environmental benefits"; and

WHEREAS, breastfeeding provides significant health benefits to the mother as well. Breastfeeding provides maternal protection from breast cancer, osteoporosis and other cancers. A survey of previous research indicates the incidence of breast cancer in the United States and other developed countries could be reduced by forty-two percent (42%) by longer duration of breastfeeding; and

WHEREAS, worldwide studies show that babies who are breastfed have higher rates of survival, less obesity, allergies and lifetime diabetes. Breastfed babies have reduced numbers of viral and bacterial infections resulting in less diarrhea, otitis media, meningitis and respiratory infections. Breastfed babies may exhibit increased intelligence quotients; and

WHEREAS, any genuine promotion of family values should encourage acceptance of this most basic act of nurture between a mother and her child.

*Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved By The Members of the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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**Section 1.** That the Wyoming State Legislature recognizes that breastfeeding is an important and basic act of nurture which should be supported in the interests of maternal and child health.

**Section 2.** That the Legislature encourages breastfeeding and commends employers, both in the public and the private sector, who make accommodations for breastfeeding mothers whenever feasible.

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**Section 3.** That the Legislature strongly encourages any state agency that administers programs providing maternal or child health services to provide information that encourages and supports breastfeeding choices to program participants who are pregnant women or mothers with infants.

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Governor

TIME APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that this act originated in the House.

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Chief Clerk