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## SENATE RESOLUTION

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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, the Surgeon General and the American Academy of  
2 Pediatrics recommend that most babies be exclusively fed with  
3 breast milk for the first six months of life, and continue on  
4 with breast milk through the first year of life; and

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6 WHEREAS, research in developed countries provides strong  
7 evidence that breastfeeding decreases the incidence and severity  
8 of diarrhea, lower respiratory infection, otitis media, and  
9 urinary tract infection; and

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

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

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

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27 WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 1674 and Assembly Bill No. 3782 of  
28 the New York State Legislature propose to codify every woman's  
29 right to be informed about the benefits of breastfeeding and to  
30 have an environment that is conducive to what all pediatricians  
31 agree to be the safest and healthiest choice for newborn and  
32 infant feeding; and

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34 WHEREAS, the bills propose adoption of a statement of  
35 rights, known as the breastfeeding mothers' bill of rights, to:



1 provide mothers with basic breastfeeding-related rights before,  
2 during and after the birth of their baby; require that the  
3 statement of rights be conspicuously posted in a public place in  
4 maternal health care facilities, nurseries, maternity floors,  
5 and post-delivery recovery rooms; and require assistance from  
6 lactation specialists in the hospital and after discharge; now,  
7 therefore,

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9 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth  
10 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2007,  
11 that the Legislature expresses its support for the breastfeeding  
12 mothers' bill of rights offered in Senate Bill No. 1674 and  
13 Assembly Bill No. 3782 of the New York State Legislature; and  
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
16 Resolution be transmitted to Speaker Sheldon Silver of the New  
17 York State Assembly, President Joseph Bruno of the New York  
18 State Senate, and to the introducers of the respective bills,  
19 State Senator Liz Krueger and State Assemblywoman Aileen  
20 Gunther.

