
THIRD READING

Bill No: SR 20
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Introduced: 2/21/25
Vote: Majority

SUBJECT: California Human Milk Donation Month

SOURCE: Author

DIGEST: This resolution declares that the month of May is hereby recognized as California Human Milk Donation Month in honor of the dedicated efforts of human-milk donors, milk banks, health care providers, and advocates who work tirelessly to ensure that all infants have access to life-sustaining breast milk.

ANALYSIS: This resolution makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Donor-human milk has been shown to reduce the risk of life-threatening conditions in premature infants, such as necrotizing enterocolitis, and to improve overall health outcomes, especially in neonatal intensive care units (NICUs) across California.
- 2) California's nonprofit milk banks, such as Mothers' Milk Bank California, have been instrumental in promoting human-milk donation, educating the public, and providing safe and pasteurized donor-human milk to hospitals and families throughout the state, ensuring that the most fragile babies receive the nourishment that they need to thrive.
- 3) The importance of human-milk donation is further highlighted by the rising demand for donor-human milk, as approximately 300,000 babies are admitted to NICUs annually in the United States, according to the National Institutes of Health; and this demand is further driven by potential formula shortages, as well as California hospitals' efforts to support the Baby-Friendly Hospital Initiative by 2025, which promotes breastfeeding and the use of donor-human milk as a vital alternative for infants in need.

- 4) California remains committed to supporting and expanding the efforts of its milk banks, hospitals, health care professionals, and donor mothers in providing donor-human milk to babies in need.

This resolution encourages all Californians to support and promote the ongoing efforts of nonprofit milk banks and their partners, and to raise awareness of the life-saving power of human-milk donation for the health and well-being of California's children.

FISCAL EFFECT: Appropriation: No Fiscal Com.: No Local: No

SUPPORT: (Verified 3/4/25)

None received

OPPOSITION: (Verified 3/4/25)

None received

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