

1-1 By: Harris Davila (Senate Sponsor - Hall) H.C.R. No. 56
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 29, 2025;
1-3 April 30, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Administration; May 7, 2025, reported favorably by the following
1-5 vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 7, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Hall	X			
1-8 Hinojosa of Nueces	X			
1-9 Cook	X			
1-10 Eckhardt	X			
1-11 Kolkhorst	X			
1-12 Menéndez	X			
1-13 Middleton	X			
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1-15 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1-16 WHEREAS, Necrotizing enterocolitis, or NEC, is the most
1-17 common cause of death in hospitalized premature infants after two
1-18 weeks of age; and

1-19 WHEREAS, This life-threatening disease occurs when bacteria
1-20 attack the lining of the intestines, causing cellular destruction
1-21 in the small and large intestines; it almost exclusively affects
1-22 newborns, particularly those born prematurely, and mortality rates
1-23 range from 10 to 50 percent in most cases; and

1-24 WHEREAS, Diagnosing NEC is challenging, as symptoms are vague
1-25 and often attributable to other causes; severe cases may require
1-26 surgical intervention, and many of those who survive the disease
1-27 experience lifelong neurological and nutritional complications;
1-28 and

1-29 WHEREAS, The feeding of breast milk is one of the most
1-30 effective ways of preventing NEC in vulnerable infants, and when
1-31 the mother's milk is unavailable, pasteurized donor human milk is
1-32 the safest option for infants at risk of the disease; donated breast
1-33 milk has been critical to reducing the mortality rate, and
1-34 organizations such as the Mothers' Milk Bank of North Texas and the
1-35 Mothers' Milk Bank at Austin are helping to ensure that babies have
1-36 access to the health benefits that breast milk provides; and

1-37 WHEREAS, Necrotizing enterocolitis poses a serious risk to
1-38 infants in their earliest weeks and months of life, and the
1-39 observance of Necrotizing Enterocolitis and Breastfeeding
1-40 Awareness Month serves as a means of educating the public about this
1-41 devastating illness and the importance of breastfeeding as a
1-42 preventative measure; now, therefore, be it

1-43 RESOLVED, That the 89th Legislature of the State of Texas
1-44 hereby designate May as Necrotizing Enterocolitis and
1-45 Breastfeeding Awareness Month; and, be it further

1-46 RESOLVED, That, in accordance with the provisions of
1-47 Section 391.004(d), Government Code, this designation remain in
1-48 effect until the 10th anniversary of the date this resolution is
1-49 finally passed by the legislature.

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