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To the Family and Friends of Terry Jo Curtis,

In remembrance of your mother, sister, and friend, Terry Jo Curtis, I would like to thank you for the commitment to mothers and babies and strong servant leadership that she brought to the Indiana Black Breastfeeding Coalition and the state as a whole. It was with deep regret that the First Lady and I learned of her passing.

Mahatma Gandhi once said, *“Before the throne of the Almighty, man will be judged not by his acts but by his intentions. For God alone reads our hearts.”*

I believe Terry was a servant leader, and her service to her local community serves as a testament to her love for Indiana and passion for improving the lives of her fellow Hoosiers. Terry was a true role model for Indiana citizens, one who broke barriers and lived by the belief that understanding and compassion are the means to impact change. She lived by her beliefs, and her strong spirit impacted the lives of everyone she touched-- whether she was helping a new mother learn to feed her infant or she was representing Indiana at the National Breastfeeding Coalition Conference in Washington, D.C. She will be greatly missed by her family, friends, and all in the local community who had the privilege of working alongside her.

May Terry Jo Curtis’s legacy in Indiana endure, and may God comfort all those among her family and friends who will now rise to the challenge of continuing her work for the sake of our most vulnerable Hoosiers. Please know that my prayers are with you.

May God bless you all and keep you safe.

Sincerely,

Michael R. Pence  
Governor of Indiana