

**WHEREAS**, Black babies die at three times the rate of other babies. Black people die in childbirth at four times the rate of other populations, and these health disparities persist regardless of education or income. Research demonstrates that racism, discriminatory practices, and other unjust social barriers are drivers of these disparities;

**WHEREAS**, five years ago, the Black Mamas Matter Alliance established Black Maternal Health Week to promote awareness, activism, and community building to deepen the national conversation about Black maternal health and reproductive justice in the United States;

**WHEREAS**, the County of Santa Clara Black Infant Health Program, the Perinatal Equity Initiative, the Roots Community Health Center, the African American Community Services Organization, the Hospital Council of Northern California, and other organizations in Santa Clara County continue to work to reduce disparities in Black maternal and infant health and deliver programs and supports that are grounded in evidence, community, and culture for African and African Ancestry residents; and

**WHEREAS**, ending unacceptable disparities in Black maternal and infant health requires both centering the voices and lived experience of Black birthing people, families, and stakeholders in the conversation and engaging broader health system partners and allies to listen and act.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Clara does hereby proclaim the week of April 11 - 17 , 2024 as**

### ***Black Maternal Health Week***

**PASSED AND ADOPTED**, by the Board of Supervisors, County of Santa Clara, State of California on this Fifteenth Day of April, Two Thousand Twenty- Four, by unanimous vote.

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