

CITY OF FRESNO

The Fresno City Council

Proclamation

Black Maternal Health Week

WHEREAS: Black Maternal Health Week (BMHW) was founded in 2018 by the Black Mamas Matter Alliance. As a national week for awareness, activism, and community building intending to deepen the national conversation about Black maternal health in the U.S., amplify community-driven policy, research, and care solutions. To center the voices of Black Mamas, women, families, and stakeholders, providing a national platform for Black-led entities and effort on maternal health, birth, reproductive justice, and enhance community organizing on Black maternal health; and

WHEREAS: Racial and ethnic disparities continue to exist, with a rate of 13.4% white women and 43.1% black women living in concentrated poverty and unhealthy neighborhood conditions. Societal norms, policies, and practices within education, housing, healthcare, economics, and environments have deepened racial and ethnic disparities; and

WHEREAS: Black women experience 3-4 times more pregnancy-related deaths than all other racial and ethnic groups in California. Decreasing maternal racial disparities requires collaboration among local, state, and federal governments, healthcare systems, providers, and social service organizations, and equitable investments through services, programs, and conditions that impact Black, Indigenous, and birthing persons of color; and

WHEREAS: Doulas are non-medical providers within the healthcare system with a specialized role who provide continuous support for pregnant persons throughout pregnancy, birth, and after birth. Practices have been demonstrated to reduce the risk of preventable infant and maternal mortality for women of color; and

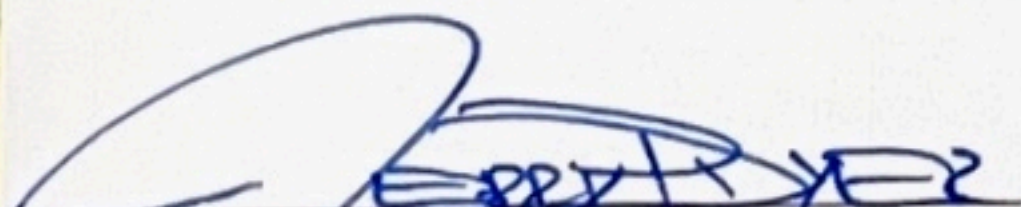
WHEREAS: In California, 50% of maternal deaths are preventable. No woman or baby should experience a preventable preterm birth, and no woman or baby should die from a preventable cause in childbirth.

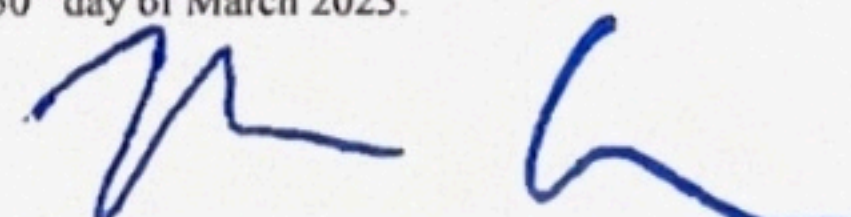
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that Councilmember Nelson Esparza, the Fresno City Council, and Mayor Jerry Dyer do hereby proclaim, 27th - 31st of March 2023, as:

“Black Maternal Health Week”

in the City of Fresno.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands
and affixed the Seal of The City of Fresno, California, on this 30th day of March 2023.

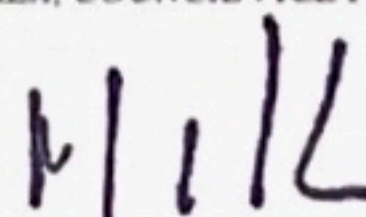

JERRY P. DYER, HONORABLE MAYOR

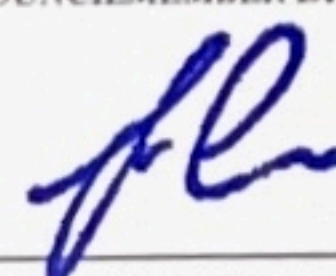

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