

1 [Black Maternal Health Week - April 11 through April 17, 2022]

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3 **Resolution declaring Black Maternal Health Week from April 11 through 17, 2022.**

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5 WHEREAS, The death of a mother during or within the following year of a pregnancy
6 from a pregnancy-related complication is called pregnancy-related mortality; and

7 WHEREAS, The number of pregnancy-related deaths for every 100,000 live births, or
8 the pregnancy-related mortality ratio, is often used as an indicator to measure the health and
9 well-being of a nation and a municipality; and

10 WHEREAS, In San Francisco, there is one pregnancy-related death each year; and

11 WHEREAS, In San Francisco, the top three causes of maternal death are embolism,
12 infection, and chronic disease, including cancers and hypertension, which in turn are
13 associated with economic, cultural, environmental and social conditions; and

14 WHEREAS, 45% of Black/African American birthing mothers live below the federal
15 poverty line in San Francisco; and

16 WHEREAS, Inordinate and unacceptable disparities exist in the rate of pregnancy-
17 related mortality by race and ethnicity, and

18 WHEREAS, In San Francisco, Black/African American birthing mothers experience a
19 disproportionate share of pregnancy-related deaths; and

20 WHEREAS, Over the past 10 years, Black/African American birthing mothers had
21 about 4% of births but accounted for 50% of pregnancy-related deaths; and

22 WHEREAS, The Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health section of the Department of
23 Public Health has convened a group of multi-sector stakeholders to participate in the Perinatal
24 Equity Initiative to implement strategies to decrease disparities in maternal mortality, preterm
25 birth, and other perinatal health issues; and

1 WHEREAS, Care coordination, education, and access to social and health care
2 services can improve perinatal health in San Francisco; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby declares April 11 through April 17
4 as “Black Maternal Health Week” to affirm the City’s commitment to investing in and protecting
5 the lives of all birthing people in San Francisco.

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