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INTRODUCTION FORM

By a member of the Board of Supervisors or the Mayor

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1. For reference to Committee: An ordinance, resolution, motion, or charter amendment
2. Request for next printed agenda without reference to Committee
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5. City Attorney request
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Please check the appropriate boxes. The proposed legislation should be forwarded to the following:     Small Business Commission   Youth Commission   Youth Commission
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Sponsor(s): Supervisor Carmen Chu
Declaring May as Perinatal Depression Awareness Month
SUBJECT:
The text is listed below or attached:
Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor:
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[Perinatal Depression Awareness Month.]

Resolution declaring every May as Perinatal Depression Awareness Month in the City and County of San Francisco, and encouraging improvements in the screening and treatment of perinatal depression.

WHEREAS, over 8,500 babies are born in the City and County of San Francisco each year and the maternal health and, more specifically, the mental health of women before, during, and after pregnancy is an issue of great concern to women and their families and is, therefore, of interest to the City and County of San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, between 10 and 20 percent of new and expectant mothers are affected by Perinatal Depression and related mood disorders, and they may experience associated symptoms, which are often overlooked and heavily stigmatized because new and expectant mothers suffering from a perinatal mood disorder often feel confused, ashamed, and isolated; and,

WHEREAS, many at-risk women may not seek help because they are not informed about Perinatal Depression and related mood disorders as part of their health care, because there is a lack of knowledge and use of screening and assessment tools, and because they are unaware of treatment and community supportive services for Perinatal Depression and related mood; and

WHEREAS, heightened awareness and increased education among all residents in the City and County of San Francisco regarding the incidence of Perinatal Depression is critical as Perinatal Depression and related mood disorders affect all categories of women and teenage girls regardless of their age, race, or income level; and

WHEREAS, Perinatal Depression can have a profound impact on the family and significantly contribute to adverse developmental and behavioral outcomes and attachment disorders in the young children of affected women; and

WHEREAS, Perinatal Depression is highly treatable with therapeutic intervention such as medication, professional therapy and counseling, support groups and community support services including crisis hotlines: now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That hereafter, every May, Perinatal Depression Awareness Month is declared throughout the City and County of San Francisco; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco continues to work to facilitate increased awareness and education about Perinatal Depression and related mood disorders throughout the City and County, to explore and encourage the use of prenatal screening tools, and to improve the availability and access to effective treatment and support services for the promotion of maternal and infant mental health in the City and County of San Francisco.