

Resolution No. 2025 –

RESOLUTION OF THE SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RECOGNIZING APRIL 11-17, 2025, AS BLACK MATERNAL HEALTH WEEK

WHEREAS, Black Maternal Health Week is a time to commit and recommit to ending the maternal health crisis that is taking the lives of far too many of our nation’s Black mothers; and

WHEREAS, women in America are dying at a higher rate from pregnancy-related causes than women in any other developed nation; and

WHEREAS, Black women face even more risk and are three times more likely to die from pregnancy-related causes than white women, in no small part because of the long history of systemic racism and bias in America; and

WHEREAS, studies show that when Black women suffer from severe injuries or pregnancy complications or simply ask for medical assistance, they are often dismissed, go untreated or are ignored in the health care settings that are supposed to care for them; and

WHEREAS, people of color, including expecting mothers, often bear the brunt of environmental injustices and, too often, Black mothers lack access to safe and secure housing, affordable transportation, and affordable healthy food; and

WHEREAS, Former Vice President Kamala Harris was a key leader on maternal health and convened experts and activists to find solutions to fight for improved maternal health outcomes, elevating the issue nationally; and

WHEREAS, President Biden’s administration released a Blueprint for Addressing the Maternal Health Crisis, which outlined actions the federal government would take to combat maternal mortality and improve maternal health by creating the new “Birthing-Friendly” hospital designation that highlights hospitals and health systems that offer high-quality maternal care — ensuring that expecting mothers know where to go to get the help they need; and

WHEREAS, Solano County is fortunate enough to have three hospitals that meet the criteria to be recognized as being “Birthing-Friendly” (Kaiser in Vallejo, NorthBay in Fairfield, and Kaiser in Vacaville).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Solano County Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes April 11 – 17, 2025, as Black Maternal Health Week in Solano County.

Dated this 8th day of April 2025

MITCH H. MASHBURN, Chair
Solano County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:
BILL EMLIN, Clerk
Solano County Board of Supervisors

By: _____
Alicia Draves, Chief Deputy Clerk