

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-R-69

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING THE WEEK, OF APRIL 11-17, 2025, AS
BLACK MATERNAL HEALTH WEEK; PROVIDING
FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND ALL OTHER
PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Black women in the United States are 2 to 3 times more likely than White women to die from pregnancy-related causes; and

WHEREAS, Black women in the United States suffer from life-threatening pregnancy complications, known as “maternal morbidities”, twice as often as White women; and

WHEREAS, the United States has the highest maternal mortality rate among affluent countries, in part because of the disproportionate mortality rate of Black women; and

WHEREAS, Black women are 50 percent more likely than all other women to deliver prematurely; and

WHEREAS, the high rates of maternal mortality among Black women span across (1) income levels; (2) education levels; and (3) socioeconomic status; and

WHEREAS, a fair and wide distribution of resources and birth options, especially regarding reproductive health care services and maternal health programming, is critical to closing the racial gap in maternal health outcomes; and

WHEREAS, communities of color are disproportionately affected by maternity care deserts, where there are no or limited hospitals or birth centers offering obstetric care and no or limited obstetric providers, and have diminishing access to reproductive healthcare due to low Medicaid reimbursements, rising costs, and ongoing staff shortages; and

WHEREAS, new data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has indicated that since the COVID-19 pandemic, the maternal mortality rate for Black women has increased by 26 percent; and

WHEREAS, an investment must be made in: (1) maternity care for Black women and birthing people, including support of care led by the communities most affected by the maternal

health crisis in the United States; (2) continuous health insurance coverage to support Black women and birthing people for the full postpartum period up to at least one (1) year after giving birth; and (3) policies that support and promote affordable, comprehensive, and holistic maternal health care that is free from gender and racial discrimination, regardless of incarceration; and

WHEREAS, Black Maternal Health Week was founded in 2018 and led by Black Mamas Matter Alliance, inc. to bring national attention to the maternal and reproductive healthcare crisis in the United States and the importance of reducing maternal mortality and morbidity among Black women and birthing people; and

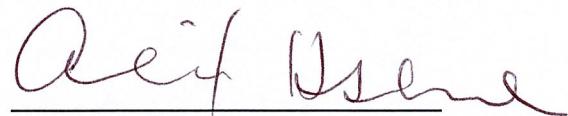
WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, hereby proclaim the week of April 11-17, 2025, as Black Maternal Health Week in the City of North Miami.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA:

Section 1. Designation. That the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, hereby proclaim the week of April 11-17, 2025, as Black Maternal Health Week in the City of North Miami.

Section 2. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a 4 - 0 vote of the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, this 11th day of March, 2025.



ALIX DESULME, ED.D.
MAYOR

ATTEST:



VANESSA JOSEPH, ESQ.
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:



JEFF P. H. CAZEAU, ESQ.
CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: VICE-MAYOR TIMOTHE

Moved by: _____ Desulme

Seconded by: _____ Charles

Vote:

Mayor Alix Desulme, Ed.D.

(Yes) _____ (No)

Vice-Mayor Kassandra Timothe, MPA

_____ (Yes) _____ (No) Absent

Councilman Kevin A. Burns

(Yes) _____ (No)

Councilwoman Mary Estimé-Irvin

(Yes) _____ (No)

Councilman Pierre Frantz Charles, M.Ed.

(Yes) _____ (No)