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**WHEREAS**, the U.S. has among the highest maternal mortality rates in the developed world with 26.4 deaths per live birth, and the Center for Disease Control (CDC) estimates that nearly 60% of pregnancy related deaths are preventable; and,

**WHEREAS**, there exists an extreme disparity in maternal health between Black women and their peers as they are three to four times more likely to die from birth-related complications; and,

**WHEREAS**, gaps in access to basic reproductive health care, like STI screenings, abortion and contraception access, and counseling, leaves Black women at higher risks for health implications from pregnancy; and,

**WHEREAS**, Black-led doula and midwifery care is a sound, evidence-based form of health care for Black women and birthing people, providing life-saving services and reducing mortality rates among these populations; and,

**WHEREAS**, these maternal health disparities must be acknowledged and addressed by providing more affordable and accessible health care resources to Black women; and,

**WHEREAS**, Celebrate One is dedicated to raise awareness for Black maternal and infant health through doula services and training, research, education. and consultation; now therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT THIS COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:** Declares April 11-17, 2024 as Black Maternal Health Week within Columbus and encourages the appropriate educational and advocacy activities.