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To recognize April 11- 17th as Black Maternal Health Week and Recognize Celebrate One for their Work in Promoting Health Care Equity

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.