



# Prince George's County Council

## Agenda Item Summary

**Meeting Date:** 4/9/2024

**Effective Date:** 4/9/2024

**Reference No.:** CR-028-2024

**Chapter Number:**

**Draft No.:** 1

**Public Hearing Date:**

**Proposer(s):** Oriadha and Ivey

**Sponsor(s):** Oriadha, Ivey, Watson, Olson, Hawkins, Dernoga, Burroughs and Franklin

**Item Title:** A RESOLUTION CONCERNING BLACK MATERNAL HEALTH WEEK for the purpose of recognizing April 11 -17th as the annual Black Maternal Health Week; to bring county wide attention to maternal health crisis in the United States and the importance of reducing maternal mortality and morbidity among Black women and birthing persons.

**Drafter:** Amanda Denison, Chief Legislative Attorney

**Resource Personnel:** Tiffany Hannon, Chief of Staff, Council District 7

### LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date:	Acting Body:	Action:	Sent To:
04/09/2024	County Council	introduced	
	<b>Action Text:</b> This Resolution was introduced by Council Members Oriadha, Ivey, Watson, Olson, Hawkins, Dernoga, Burroughs and Franklin.		
04/09/2024	County Council	rules suspended	
	<b>Action Text:</b> A motion was made by Council Member Watson, seconded by Council Member Oriadha, that the rules be suspended for this Resolution. The motion carried by the following vote:		
	Aye: 9 Ivey, Dernoga, Burroughs, Fisher, Franklin, Hawkins, Olson, Oriadha and Watson		
	Absent: 2 Harrison and Blegay		
04/09/2024	County Council	adopted	
	<b>Action Text:</b> A motion was made by Council Member Olson, seconded by Council Member Watson, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:		
	Aye: 9 Ivey, Dernoga, Burroughs, Fisher, Franklin, Hawkins, Olson, Oriadha and Watson		
	Absent: 2 Harrison and Blegay		

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**AFFECTED CODE SECTIONS:**

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**BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT:**

Black Maternal Health Week is observed annually on April 11-17th. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Black Maternal Health is a serious issue across the nation as Black women in the United States are 2.6 times more likely than White women to die from pregnancy-related causes. Here in Prince George's County, we have some of the highest rates of maternal mortality rates in the State of Maryland. In order to improve maternal health outcomes, an investment must be made in maternity care policies that support and promote affordable, comprehensive, and holistic maternal health care that is free from gender and racial discrimination. Therefore, this week is used to observe the challenges, advocacy work, medical ground breakings and awareness of Black Maternal Health.

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