

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
2023 Legislative Session

Resolution No. CR-090-2023
Proposed by Council Member Oriadha
Introduced by Council Members Oriadha, Hawkins, Harrison, Watson, Fisher, Olson,
Dernoga, Ivey, Burroughs and Blegay
Co-Sponsors _____
Date of Introduction October 10, 2023

RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 Black Maternal Health Fund

3 For the purpose of encouraging providing grants to organizations whose mission is based on
4 alleviating maternal health disparities in the African American community.

5 WHEREAS, according to a study by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
6 Morbidity and Mortality Report September 2019, from 2007 through 2016, non-Hispanic black
7 women are more than three (3) times likely to die as non-Hispanic white women; and

8 WHEREAS, a follow up study by the Government Accountability Office (GAO) found that
9 from 2016 through 2018, estimated rates of Severe Maternal Morbidity (SMM) among non-
10 Hispanic Black and non-Hispanic American Indian/Alaska Native women were significantly
11 higher than the estimated rate of SMM among non-Hispanic White women; and

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's
13 County, Maryland, that subject to appropriations, through budget allocation or funds raised
14 through public or private partnerships, this Council will request that up to One Million Dollars
15 (\$1,000,000.00) be allocated to the funding of a program titled "Black Maternal Health Fund"
16 that is focused on black maternal health with grant awards given to non-profits that provide
17 maternal health services.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the allocation of this funding to the Black Maternal
19 Health Fund shall be overseen by the Prince George's County Council.

Adopted this 14th day of November, 2023.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Thomas E. Dernoga
Chair

ATTEST:

Donna J. Brown
Clerk of the Council