

Proclamation

WHEREAS, nationwide, Black women are three times more likely than White women to die during childbirth; and

WHEREAS, nearly one in four Black women who delivered in hospitals in the United States report they are treated poorly due to difference of opinion with their caregivers about the right to care for themselves or their baby; and

WHEREAS, maternal health care is a fundamental right, and all mothers should receive high quality, affordable care and services; and

WHEREAS, Black Maternal Health Week is founded and led by the Black Mamas Matter Alliance; and

WHEREAS, this week of awareness, activism, and community building is intended to deepen the conversation regarding Black maternal health in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Black Maternal Health Week aims to amplify community-driven policy, research, and care solutions elevate the voices of Black mothers, women, and families, and stakeholders, provide a national platform for efforts to address maternal health, birth, and reproductive justice, and enhance community organizing on Black maternal health.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Chapel Hill Mayor and Town Council do hereby proclaim April 11 -17, 2024 as

Black Maternal Health Week

in Chapel Hill and call upon our community to raise awareness of the state of Black maternal health in the United States by understanding the consequences of systemic discrimination and amplifying the voices and experiences of Black women, families, and communities.



GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL, ON THIS THE SEVENTEENTH DAY OF APRIL IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-FOUR.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg A. Clark", is written over a horizontal line.