

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 59

Reps. Myers-Phillips, B. Carter, Wilson, Dievendorf, Byrnes, Foreman, Xiong, Wooden, Scott, Young, MacDonell, Brixie, McFall, Weiss, Price, Longjohn, Breen, T. Carter, Glanville, Herzberg, McKinney, Liberati, Arbit, Pohutsky, Rogers, Miller, Edwards, Steckloff, Wegela, O'Neal, Neeley, Hope, Rheingans, Skaggs and Puri offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare April 11-17, 2025, as Black Maternal
2 Health Week in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, The Michigan House of Representatives recognizes the
4 importance of raising awareness about the state of Black maternal
5 health in Michigan and across the nation; and

6 Whereas, The United States has the highest maternal mortality
7 rate among developed countries and Black women are three to four
8 times more likely to experience pregnancy-related death than white
9 women, regardless of income or education; and

1 Whereas, Black Maternal Health Week, founded by the Black
2 Mamas Matter Alliance, is a national campaign held annually from
3 April 11-17 to raise awareness, amplify the voices of Black
4 mothers, and center Black-led solutions to improve maternal health
5 outcomes; and

6 Whereas, The Michigan House of Representatives stands in
7 solidarity with Black mothers, families, advocates, and community
8 organizations working tirelessly to eliminate maternal health
9 disparities and ensure every person has access to safe and
10 respectful maternity care; now, therefore, be it

11 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
12 this legislative body declare April 11-17, 2025, as Black Maternal
13 Health Week in the state of Michigan; and be it further

14 Resolved, That we encourage all residents of Michigan to
15 observe this week with programs, activities, and conversations that
16 promote awareness, education, and action in support of Black
17 maternal health.