



COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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**Resolution of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners
RECOGNIZING BLACK MATERNAL HEALTH WEEK**

WHEREAS, Black Maternal Health Week is observed annually from April 11 through April 17 to raise awareness of the persistent disparities affecting Black maternal health and to uplift the voices, leadership, and lived experiences of Black mothers and birthing people; and

WHEREAS, pregnancy-related complications remain a leading cause of death for women in the United States, and Black women are disproportionately impacted by maternal morbidity and mortality regardless of income or education; and

WHEREAS, systemic inequities, including unequal access to quality health care, implicit bias, social determinants of health, and chronic stress related to racism, contribute to these disparities; and

WHEREAS, improving Black maternal health outcomes requires coordinated efforts across health care systems, public health, social services, community-based organizations, and local government; and

WHEREAS, Chatham County is committed to promoting health equity, supporting maternal and infant health, and fostering systems that ensure safe, respectful, and culturally responsive care for all residents; and

WHEREAS, recognizing Black Maternal Health Week affirms the County's commitment to advancing policies and practices that improve maternal health outcomes and strengthen families and communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chatham County Board of Commissioners does hereby recognize April 11–17 as Black Maternal Health Week in Chatham County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board encourages residents, health care providers, community partners, and policymakers to engage in efforts that address disparities in maternal health and support the health and well-being of Black mothers, birthing people, and families; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chatham County Board of Commissioners affirms its ongoing commitment to advancing health equity and promoting policies and partnerships that improve maternal and infant health outcomes countywide.

Adopted, this the 20th day of April 2026.

Amanda Robertson, Chair

ATTEST:

Jenifer K Johnson, Clerk to the Board

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