

Black Maternal Health Week 2022

Organizational Quotes In Support

Atlanta Doula Collective: “BMHW22 is greatly needed to help amplify Black Maternal Health, Birthing Rights, and Reproductive Justice for Black families.”

Black Health New Mexico; New Mexico Birth Equity Collaborative: “On this fifth annual Black Maternal Health Week, a week designed and implemented by The Black Mamas Matter Alliance, to uplift the voices and thought leadership of Black Moms and women-led organizations, New Mexico’s urgent opportunity is to align community-driven solutions with policy, funding and leadership opportunities for Black Women and Black women-led organizations in our state. Communities always have the solutions to the problems they face, but rarely have the funding and autonomy to implement them. The question has never been “can we fix things” but rather, are we willing to. #Black Maternal Health Week #NewMexico”

Community Catalyst: “Community Catalyst is proud to support Black Maternal Health Week and the work of Black women and birthing people. We honor the progress they have made towards a redesigned health system to center their care and meet the needs of their families and communities. We will continue to work in solidarity with our Black maternal health partners to address the unacceptable gender and racial disparities and advance a health system and society at large that embraces health equity and justice,” said Emily Stewart, Executive Director, Community Catalyst.

Narrative Nation, Inc./Irth App: “Maternal health is a leading indicator for the health of the nation and indeed, of society. Right now the Black Maternal Health Week is an important start to raise awareness, highlight solutions, drive transparency, and community accountability.”

NATAL: “NATAL is proud to stand alongside Black Mamas Matter Alliance and a host of incredible organizations working to improve maternal and reproductive care outcomes for Black birthing people. In recognition of the 5th annual Black Maternal Health Week, we urge Congress to pass the Black Maternal Health Momnibus Act of 2021. The time is now to finally prioritize the health, well-being and future of Black families, birthworkers, providers and advocates across this country.”

National Association of Nurse Practitioners in Women’s Health: “NPWH is a proud supporter and sponsor of BMHW22. NPWH asserts that board-certified women’s health nurse practitioners (WHNP-BCs) are crucial partners in addressing the US maternal health crisis. NPWH emphasizes that a multi-disciplinary, community-wide, and systems-level approach is essential to alleviate the current maternal health crisis. We have the power to make meaningful

and sustainable changes related to maternal health more specifically, black maternal health through advocacy, clinical practice, education, community engagement, and research. This month starts as a unique opportunity to support existing initiatives, create new and sustainable initiatives with community stakeholders, and educate using the most current resources,” said Dr. Shawana Moore, NPWH Board of Directors, Chair, Heather L. Maurer, MA, CAE, NPWH Chief Executive Officer.

National Black Midwives Alliance: “I came to midwifery through the path of social justice, through understanding the social determinants of health, that in order to be healthy we gotta get free. My work has been about disrupting the balance of power in whatever spaces I find myself. Advocating for access to better health services for women and families; seeing the need, seeing the gaps. I asked myself, just as one of Florida’s great ancestors Gladys Milton did, ‘why not me?’ Why not be the one who stands in the gap?”

National Perinatal Task Force: “We fully support and endorse the National Black Maternal Health Week Resolution and remain committed to strengthening and deploying a diverse perinatal workforce which includes midwives, doulas, lactation support and community health workers in order to address and redress the unjust health disparities disproportionately experienced by Black Americans. We urge Congress to pass the Black Maternal Health Momnibus Act of 2021 (S. 346; H.R. 959).”

Nzuri Malkia Birth Cooperative: “Liberation begins with the realization, our strength, resilience, and power does not manifest from our collective experience of oppression, but in our ancestral legacy of connection to earth and our divine nature. We have always had the ability to create and recreate, now we must tap into that knowledge and connection.”

Restoring Our Own Through Transformation (ROOTT): “ROOTT is working to help restore Black families one birth at a time!”

Shafia Monroe Consulting, LLC: “Mothers birth future US citizens, it’s our duty to protect the future, and The Black Maternal Health Week Resolution, speaks to how we can protect Black women from dying from childbirth.”

Southern Birth Justice Network: “During Black Maternal Health Week and all year, we are uplifting Global Black Midwifery, the Black Midwives Model of Care, Black doulas and Reproductive Freedom for Black Mamas and people. At the center is Birth Justice, which is a framework to shift the current obstetric violence culture of birth toward one centered on bodily autonomy and human rights, particularly for marginalized pregnant, birthing and parenting people.”

The Foundation for Black Women's Wellness: “The Foundation for Black Women's Wellness is proud to support the 2022 Black Maternal Health Week Resolution as we stand with the Black women in Wisconsin and across the United States to secure birth equity for ourselves and our families. This resolution set forth by our fierce national leaders and advocates takes on deep meaning as we face first and worst in the nation rates of maternal and infant mortality in Wisconsin, and as we join forces with the Black Mamas Matters Alliance and other partners to turn the tide on this unacceptable public health crisis. Our collective efforts will make the powerful difference as we build momentum and a world where the lives of Black mothers and babies are protected and secured.”