



2021 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 43

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1 **Relating to:** dedicating the second week of April to Black maternal health, formally
2 known as Black Maternal Health Week, to acknowledge racial disparities
3 among Black mothers and infants.

4 Whereas, racism is a public health crisis that disproportionately affects Black
5 pregnant people and Black infants; and

6 Whereas, Black infants have two times the infant mortality rate as
7 non-Hispanic whites, and are nearly four times more likely to die from complications
8 as non-Hispanic whites; and

9 Whereas, Black mothers are four times more likely to die from pregnancy as
10 non-Hispanic white mothers, regardless of factors that are associated with greater
11 socioeconomic class, such as higher education; and

12 Whereas, systematic racism, which is prevalent in many health-care systems,
13 prevents Black pregnant people and Black infants from receiving proper care; and

