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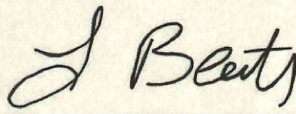
- WHEREAS, nationwide, Black women are 3 - 5 times more likely than White women to die during childbirth; and
- WHEREAS, the health and well-being of all Oregonians is important to the prosperity and livelihood of the entire state; and
- WHEREAS, maternal health care is a fundamental right and all mothers should receive high quality, affordable care and services; and
- WHEREAS, this week is recognized as Black Maternal Health Week, founded and led by the Black Mamas Matter Alliance; and
- WHEREAS, this year's theme is "Building for Liberation: Centering Black Mamas, Black Families and Black Systems of Care." Black Maternal Health Week (#BMHW22) is first and foremost a week of education and advocacy; and
- WHEREAS, this week of awareness, activism, and community building is intended to deepen the national conversation about 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, 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, I, Lacey Beaty, Mayor of the City of Beaverton do hereby proclaim April 11 – 17, 2022 as:

BLACK MATERNAL HEALTH WEEK

in the City of Beaverton 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, recognizing the scope of this problem and the need for urgent solutions, amplifying the voices and experiences of Black women, families, and communities, and committing to building a world in which Black women do not have to fear for their safety, their wellbeing, their dignity, and their lives before, during, and after pregnancy.




Lacey Beaty, Mayor

