

CITY OF SPOKANE



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Black women are three times more likely to die from a pregnancy-related cause than White women. Multiple factors contribute to these disparities, such as variation in food deserts, the shortage of doula support, quality healthcare, underlying chronic conditions, structural racism, and implicit bias; and

WHEREAS, Improving Black maternal health is a crisis that everyone can play a role in. We can prevent pregnancy-related deaths and improve maternal health outcomes through community advocacy, education, developing supportive care and making support financially accessible to all:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nadine Woodward, Mayor of the City of Spokane, on behalf of the citizens of Spokane, do hereby proclaim April 11-17, 2023, as

BLACK MATERNAL HEALTH WEEK

in Spokane and I encourage all citizens to raise awareness of the state of Black Maternal Health by understanding the consequences of institutional racism and amplifying the voices and experiences of Black women, families and communities by committing to building a world in which Black women do not have to fear for their safety, their well-being, their dignity, or their lives before, during, and after pregnancy.

I, Nadine Woodward, Mayor of Spokane,
do hereunto set my hand and
cause the seal of the City of Spokane
to be affixed this
11th day of April 2023.

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Nadine Woodward".

Nadine Woodward
Mayor

