



CITY OF KINGSTON

Proclamation

Black Maternal Health & Reproductive Justice Month April 2025

Whereas systemic inequities and anti-Black racism in healthcare have led to premature births, reproductive health challenges, and maternal mortality among African, Caribbean, and Black (ACB) communities in Canada; and

Whereas Black birthing individuals face barriers to equitable healthcare, including inadequate data collection, racial bias, and lack of culturally competent care, contributing to poor mental health, postpartum outcomes, and limited resources; and

Whereas the Canadian Women of Colour Leadership Network (CWCLN) advocates for the health, well-being, and empowerment of Black women and non-binary individuals, advancing justice through systemic change; and

Whereas CWCLN calls for anti-Black racism training in healthcare, better data on Black maternal health, and integration of Black doulas into hospitals to close gaps.

Therefore, I, Mayor Bryan Paterson, on behalf of Kingston City Council, hereby proclaim the month of April 2025 as "Black Maternal Health & Reproductive Justice Month" in the City of Kingston.

Dated at Kingston this 19th day of March, 2025.

Bryan Paterson
Mayor

