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## 2021 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 43

April 20, 2021 - Introduced by Representatives STUBBS, CABRAL-GUEVARA, DRAKE, L. MYERS, HAYWOOD, BOWEN, BALDEH, HONG, CABRERA, HESSELBEIN, NEUBAUER, SINICKI, ANDRACA, CONLEY, SHANKLAND, SNODGRASS, S. RODRIGUEZ, SHELTON, EMERSON, BROSTOFF, HEBL and ANDERSON, cosponsored by Senators JOHNSON, L. TAYLOR, ROYS, ERPENBACH, CARPENTER and WIRCH. Referred to Committee on Rules.

\*\*\*AUTHORS SUBJECT TO CHANGE\*\*\*

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

