House Resolution 908

By: Representatives Daniel of the 117th and Mainor of the 56th

A RESOLUTION

Recognizing January 23, 2024, as Maternal Health Awareness Day; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, ensuring optimal maternal health is essential for the well-being of both mothers and infants, contributing to healthier families and stronger communities; and

WHEREAS, cardiac conditions were the leading causes of pregnancy-related death in 2018 to 2020, accounting for 22 percent of all pregnancy-related deaths; and

WHEREAS, approximately 75 percent of all pregnancy-related deaths in 2018 to 2020 occurred during the year after the end of pregnancy; and

WHEREAS, to combat the maternal mortality rate, Georgia has engaged in ongoing efforts to systematically collect and comprehensively review maternal deaths through the Maternal Mortality Review Committee; and

WHEREAS, during the 2018 Legislative Session, the Georgia General Assembly allocated $2 million to DPH for maternal mortality prevention, which provided funding to support the implementation of AIM patient safety bundles in 16 rural birthing facilities; and

WHEREAS, during the 2022 Legislative Session, the Georgia General Assembly extended Medicaid coverage following pregnancy to 12 months postpartum; and

WHEREAS, Georgia is making strides toward optimal outcomes for Georgia mothers and infants through perinatal regionalization, designation of maternal and neonatal levels of care, and supporting maternal mental health; and

WHEREAS, on Maternal Health Awareness Day and throughout the year, it is our commitment to empower and support those seeking access to adequate health care and resources while honoring those who champion maternal health causes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that the members of this body recognize January 23, 2024, as Maternal Health Awareness Day.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the public and the press.