

RESOLUTION NO. .

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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RESOLUTION:

A) AUTHORIZING AND ESTABLISHING THE MATERNAL HEALTH TRUST FUND TO SUPPORT MATERNAL HEALTH AWARENESS AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT INITIATIVES IN SAN MATEO COUNTY AND TO SERVE AS A MECHANISM FOR RECEIVING FUTURE PHILANTHROPIC AND PARTNER CONTRIBUTIONS; AND

B) AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE, OR DESIGNEE, TO ACCEPT ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY, FUTURE LAWFUL GIFTS, GRANTS, AND DONATIONS FROM PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PARTNERS TO THE MATERNAL HEALTH TRUST FUND, AND TO REPORT TO THE BOARD EACH QUARTER THE SOURCES AND VALUE OF SUCH GIFTS IN EXCESS OF \$10,000

RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, that

WHEREAS, maternal and infant health outcomes remain a critical public health priority across the United States, in California and in the County, where inequities in birth outcomes are present and disparities persist across multiple health indicators; and

WHEREAS, County and regional public health consistently report that Black infants experience higher rates of preterm birth, low birth weight, and adverse birth outcomes compared to other racial and ethnic groups and Latina mothers experience the highest infant mortality rates in the County, representing a significant disparity; and

WHEREAS, these local trends highlight the importance of examining and addressing disparities at the county level to ensure that all families have equitable opportunities for healthy pregnancies and births and underscore the importance of

coordinated efforts across healthcare systems, public health agencies, and community-based organizations to address the root causes of inequities in maternal and infant health outcomes; and

WHEREAS, to further support these efforts, the Board desires to establish a Maternal Health Trust Fund that will serve as a dedicated mechanism to receive philanthropic contributions, grant funding, and community investments that support education, community engagement, and collaborative initiatives aimed at improving maternal and infant health outcomes across the County; and

WHEREAS, the Maternal Health Trust Fund would support funding to focus on increasing awareness of maternal and infant health disparities and strengthening partnerships between healthcare systems, public health agencies, and community organizations that serve pregnant and parenting families; and

WHEREAS, the Maternal Health Trust Fund may support funding key priorities including:

1. Expanding public awareness of disparities in maternal and infant health outcomes in the County, particularly those affecting Black and Latinx families.
2. Increasing access to culturally responsive and community-informed support services for pregnant and postpartum residents.
3. Promoting collaboration across healthcare systems and community organizations to identify strategies that improve quality of care and reduce the impact of implicit bias and systemic barriers in perinatal care settings.

WHEREAS, the Maternal Health Trust Fund may support community education initiatives, convenings, and public events designed to bring together healthcare providers, public health professionals, community advocates, and residents to engage in dialogue and identify solutions that support healthier pregnancies and births; and

WHEREAS, the Maternal Health Trust Fund may also support:

- Community forums and listening sessions
- Public education focuses on maternal health and birth equity
- Partnerships with community-based organizations serving pregnant and parenting families
- Data and research dissemination to inform policy and systems change
- Training and dialogue opportunities for healthcare providers and community partners; and

WHEREAS, the County finds that the establishment of the Maternal Health Trust Fund is in the public interest, and will serve a public purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED that the Maternal Health Trust Fund is hereby authorized and established to support maternal health awareness and community engagement initiatives in San Mateo County and to serve as a mechanism for receiving future philanthropic and partner contributions.

IT IS FURTHER DETERMINED AND ORDERED that the County Executive, or designee, is hereby authorized and directed to accept on behalf of the County, future lawful gifts, grants, and donations from public and private partners to the Maternal

Health Trust Fund, and to report to the Board each quarter the sources and value of such gifts in excess of \$10,000.

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