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**Black Maternal Health Week a time to support
mothers throughout the community**

**Statement of Alderwoman Milele A. Coggs, Alderwoman Chantia Lewis and
Alderwoman Nikiya Dodd**

April 11 – 17 is recognized as Black Maternal Health Week, a time where we aim to have conversations around the racial disparities that exist in regards to maternal health, and support the ongoing work that is helping create a more equitable health system for Black mothers.

Many mothers face complications related to pregnancy and childbirth, but these issues are much more likely to impact Black women who are three times more likely to die from pregnancy-related causes as white women nationally, and five times more likely in Wisconsin.

Black women need to be aware of the elevated risks that exist when it comes to maternal issues and take the necessary steps to remain healthy and safe. Make sure to regularly visit your doctor, monitor your overall wellness, and take advantage of the many programs available to support mothers both during and after pregnancy. A wealth of information can be found on the Health Department's website at milwaukee.gov/Health/Services-and-Programs/MCH.

When women do not receive the proper healthcare it can threaten the stability of families, and a woman's race should never determine their health outcomes. So we urge the community to join us in raising awareness of these disparities that exist, and join the movement by sharing helpful information with friends, family members and neighbors so we can create the healthiest city possible.