



CITY OF HARRISONBURG
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MAYOR DEANNA REED

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NATIONAL MIDWIFERY WEEK
October 5th – 10th, 2020

WHEREAS, this year, National Midwifery Week is celebrated during the week of October 5 – 10, 2020; and

WHEREAS, midwifery care is associated with decreased pregnancy-related racial and ethnic health disparities; and

WHEREAS, midwives have been a vital and growing part of the advancement of sexual and reproductive health services across the lifespan in Harrisonburg since 1995, and are collectively responsible for 30 percent of all births at Rockingham Memorial Hospital and are serving as frontline essential health care providers during 2020's COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, midwives serve women and families of the region at Shenandoah Women's Health care (5 CNM's), Harrisonburg OB/GYN (2 CNM's), Heartland clinic (1CPM) and Brookhaven Birth Center (2 CPM's); and

WHEREAS, 2020 has been designated by the World Health Organization as the International Year of the Nurse and Midwife and proclaimed by Governor Northam in the Commonwealth of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the role they play as leaders in the eliminating racism and reducing healthcare disparities for black, brown, and indigenous women, and providing access to reproductive and pregnancy care in communities during the COVID-19 pandemic, the American College of Nurse-Midwives designated October 5-10, 2020 as National Midwifery Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MAYOR DEANNA R. REED, CITY OF HARRISONBURG, do hereby proclaim October 5-10, 2020 Midwifery Week and encourages community members to learn more about midwives and midwifery care.

GIVEN under my hand this 22nd day of September, 2020.

BY: _____
Deanna R. Reed, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Pamela Ulmer, City Clerk