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**HOUSE
RESOLUTION No. _____**

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1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION urging the governor to proclaim
2 May 2020 as Indiana Motherhood Month.

3 *Whereas, The family, in which mothers perform a crucial*
4 *role, is a major social institution in Indiana and throughout the*
5 *world that provides tremendous value to both its members and*
6 *society as a whole;*

7 *Whereas, Women across Indiana place their trust and their*
8 *children in the arms of others, sharing parenting through foster*
9 *care, adoption, day care, education, and respite care;*

10 *Whereas, Mothers have an indispensable role in building*
11 *and transforming society and culture and moving Indiana, the*
12 *country, and the world forward, remaining steadfast in their*
13 *pursuit of a better and brighter future for all children;*

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1 *Whereas, Mothers are innovators, tireless workers, engines*
2 *of economic growth, and drivers of progress;*

3 *Whereas, Indiana has a proven record of meeting challenges*
4 *and creating positive change, and members of the Indiana*
5 *House of Representatives are committed to making mothers'*
6 *lives better and ensuring their health and prosperity;*

7 *Whereas, One of these challenges is lowering the alarming*
8 *infant mortality and maternal morbidity rates in Indiana and*
9 *the United States;*

10 *Whereas, Maternal mortality, or pregnancy related death, is*
11 *defined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as*
12 *the death of a woman while pregnant or within one year of the*
13 *end of a pregnancy—regardless of the outcome, duration, or site*
14 *of the pregnancy—from any cause related to or aggravated by*
15 *the pregnancy or its management, but not from accidental or*
16 *incidental causes;*

17 *Whereas, The effect of a mother's death results in vulnerable*
18 *families in which a child is more likely to die before reaching*
19 *his or her second birthday, according to the United Nations*
20 *Population Fund;*

21 *Whereas, Mothers are breadwinners, community leaders,*
22 *advocates, allies, and pillars of family and community that*
23 *have, for generations, blazed new paths, opened up new*
24 *possibilities, and widened circles of opportunity for their*
25 *daughters and sons; and*

26 *Whereas, Mothers and the institution of motherhood are*
27 *worthy of honor and affirmation: Therefore,*

28 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the*
29 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

30 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives calls
31 upon the people of Indiana to express their honor, affirmation,
32 love, respect, and gratitude to mothers everywhere and urges
33 the governor to proclaim May 2020 as Indiana Motherhood
34 Month.



1 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
2 Representatives shall transmit a copy of this resolution to
3 Governor Eric Holcomb.

