



### **Sample 2020 Mayoral/Gubernatorial Proclamation**

**Whereas** this year, National Midwifery Week is celebrated during the week of October 4 – 10, 2020; and

**Whereas** the national organization, the American College of Nurse-Midwives, headquartered in Silver Spring, MD, is the official organization for the nearly 13,000 certified nurse-midwives and certified midwives throughout the United States and the official sponsor of National Midwifery Week on a national level; and

**Whereas** this national event is an opportunity for people nationwide to recognize and celebrate midwives and the health care services they provide; and

**Whereas** midwives have been a vital and growing part of the advancement of sexual and reproductive health services across the lifespan in (City/State) since (Date), and are collectively responsible for (number) percent of all births in (State) and are serving as frontline essential health care providers during 2020's COVID-19 pandemic; and

**Whereas** midwifery care is associated with decreased pregnancy-related racial and ethnic health disparities; and

**Whereas** 2020 has been designated by the World Health Organization as the International Year of the Nurse and Midwife; and

**Whereas** National Midwifery Week recognizes the important role of midwives - whether assisting a pregnant person as they give birth, or providing personalized health care, midwives are truly dedicated and essential providers.

We proclaim the week of [DATES] to be [STATE OR CITY] Midwifery Week.

In witness hereof, I hereunto set my hand this (Date) day of (Month), (Year).

(Signature)