**PROCLAMATION**

National Midwifery Week 2023

WHEREAS, this year, National Midwifery Week is celebrated during the week of October 1-7, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the American College of Nurse-Midwives, headquartered in Silver Spring, MD, is the national organization for the nearly 14,000 certified nurse-midwives and certified midwives throughout the United States and the official sponsor of National Midwifery Week; and

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

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

WHEREAS, National Midwifery Week recognizes the important role of midwives as truly dedicated and essential providers, whether assisting pregnant people as they give birth or providing personalized health care; and

WHEREAS, more than 500 nurse-midwives practice in the state of Michigan, and more than 60 nurse-midwives practice in the Ann Arbor area; and

WHEREAS, the Nurse-Midwives of University of Michigan Health have provided holistic and individualized care since 1983 to families in Ann Arbor and nearby regions.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Christopher Taylor, Mayor of Ann Arbor, Michigan, join the University of Michigan Health Nurse-Midwives in celebrating their 40th anniversary of providing care and do hereby declare October 1 through 7, 2023, to be Midwifery Week in the City of Ann Arbor. We encourage all community members to join us in this special observance.

I hereby set my hand and seal this 1st day of October 2023.

Christopher Taylor
Mayor of the City of Ann Arbor