

SENATE RESOLUTION No. ____

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION to recognize February 25, 2020 as
Doula Day at the Statehouse.

BREAUX

_____, read first time and referred to Committee on



Introduced

Second Regular Session 121st General Assembly (2020)

SENATE RESOLUTION _____

MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

1 A SENATE RESOLUTION to recognize February 25, 2020
2 as Doula Day at the Statehouse.

3 *Whereas, In 2017 the Indiana State Department of Health*
4 *issued a report regarding Indiana's infant mortality rate;*
5 *indicating a decrease in infant mortality rate from 7.5 per*
6 *1,000 in 2016 to 7.3 per 1,000 in 2017;*

7 *Whereas, Although the report indicated the rate of infant*
8 *mortality for babies of all races decreased from 2016 to 2017,*
9 *the rate of infant mortality for African American babies*
10 *increased from 14.4 per 1,000 to 15.3 per 1,000;*

11 *Whereas, There is an obvious disparity between the infant*
12 *mortality rates of all babies born and African American babies*
13 *born. However, research has indicated that when expecting*
14 *African American mothers are paired with a doula, the overall*
15 *health of those mothers and their babies increases;*

16 *Whereas, Doulas are trained professionals who provide*
17 *continuous physical, emotional, and informational support to*
18 *mothers before, during, and after childbirth;*

2020

DR 3851/DI AM



1 *Whereas, In 2013 The Journal of Perinatal Education*
2 *published a study comparing expecting mothers working with*
3 *doulas and expectant mothers working without doula care;*

4 *Whereas, A 2013 report sampled 289 pregnant women at*
5 *the YWCA of Greensboro and indicated that mothers not*
6 *assisted by doulas were four times more likely to have a baby*
7 *with a low birth weight;*

8 *Whereas, The same 2013 report indicated that 25*
9 *non-doula mothers experienced some complication during birth*
10 *while only 10 mothers with doulas had such complications; and*
11

12 *Whereas, Doulas play an important role in overall*
13 *mother/baby health and wellness and this role is worthy of*
14 *recognition: Therefore,*

15
16 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the*
17 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

18 SECTION 1. That the Indiana Senate recognize February
19 25, 2020 as Doula Day at the Statehouse.

20 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed
21 to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Indiana Minority
22 Health Coalition (IMHC).

