



We Are Columbia

MEETING DATE: October 18, 2016

DEPARTMENT: City Clerk

FROM: *Erika Moore, City Clerk*

SUBJECT: National Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day
Proclamation - The Honorable Tameika Isaac Devine

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

ATTACHMENTS:

- National Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day 2016 (PDF)



City of Columbia
A Proclamation

WHEREAS, Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day is a day of remembrance for pregnancy loss and infant deaths, which includes but is not limited to miscarriage, stillbirth, SIDS, or the death of a newborn; and

WHEREAS, over 23,000 infants died in the United States in 2013 and South Carolina's infant mortality rate dropped remarkably in 2013; and

WHEREAS, nearly 1 in 4 women have experienced the loss of a baby in pregnancy; and

WHEREAS, the loss of a baby remains a sad reality for many families and takes a serious toll on the health and well-being of families as well as our community and the nation as a whole; and

WHEREAS, even the shortest lives are still valuable and the grief of those who mourn the loss of these lives should not be trivialized; and

WHEREAS, recognizing Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day will enable the citizens of Columbia to consider how they can meet the needs of bereaved mothers, fathers, and family members and work to prevent the causes of these deaths; and

WHEREAS, the City of Columbia appreciates the hard work from groups such as Naomi's Circle that help parents who have experienced the loss of a baby in pregnancy or infancy.

NOW, THEREFORE I, Stephen K. Benjamin, Mayor of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, along with my fellow members of Columbia City Council, do hereby proclaim October 18, 2016 as

National Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day

in the great City of Columbia and urge my fellow citizens to recognize and participate in its observance.

Stephen K. Benjamin
Mayor

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District I, Council Member

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At-Large, Council Member

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