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Greetings,

Our new National Black Maternal Health Taskforce of the National Black Nurses Association Inc. (NBNA) cordially extends this special invitation to our Inaugural National Black Maternal Health Virtual Conference 2024. This virtual conference will be held on Friday, February 23, and Saturday, February 24, 2024, and is open to the public. Registration will commence on February 1, 2024 via Whova.

The Inaugural National Black Maternal Health Conference 2024

NBNA's Black Maternal Health Task Force strives to address the health inequities and health disparities that cause significant morbidities and worsening maternal mortality rates amongst Black women in the United States. NBNA advocates for legislative changes necessary to improve maternal health outcomes.

The National Black Nurses Association (NBNA) was organized in 1971 under the leadership of Dr. Lauranne Sams, former Dean and Professor of Nursing, School of Nursing, Tuskegee University, Tuskegee, Alabama. NBNA is a non-profit organization incorporated on September 2, 1972 in the state of Ohio. NBNA represents 308,000 African American registered nurses, licensed vocational/practical nurses, nursing students and retired nurses from the USA, Eastern Caribbean and Africa, with 114 chartered chapters, in 34 states. The NBNA mission is "to serve as the voice for Black nurses and diverse populations ensuring equal access to professional development, promoting educational opportunities and improving health".

We will continue to fight against racial and health inequities that have permeated our communities for far too long. We advocate for safe birthing practices and respectful maternity care. Black women deserve better maternity care and to go home to take care of their families.

In Solidarity and Service,

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