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Statement from Black Mamas Matter Alliance, Inc. (BMMA) on the 2024 Presidential Election Results

"Today, as we process the results of the 2024 presidential election, the Black Mamas Matter Alliance (BMMA) reaffirms our unwavering commitment to advancing Black maternal health, human rights, and birth and reproductive justice. The re-election of Donald Trump represents a critical moment that demands we strengthen our resolve and unite our communities in protecting the fundamental rights of Black women and birthing people.

"Despite who sits in office, what we know is that the maternal health care crisis facing Black communities remains urgent. Black women are still three times more likely to die from pregnancy-related complications. The U.S. infant mortality rate has worsened in the aftermath of the Dobbs decision. These disparities reflect deeply rooted systemic inequities that require sustained attention and action at every level of society and government.

"We recognize the legitimate concerns many have about potential rollbacks of reproductive rights and healthcare access. Yet we must remember that our mission transcends any single administration and is grounded in the power of Black women's leadership, intellectual thought, and cultural traditions. The strength of our Alliance lies in our commitment to community-driven solutions and evidence-based advocacy. Moving forward, BMMA will:

- Continue to build, invest in and train the Black Maternal, Perinatal and Reproductive Health Workforce
- Intensify our advocacy for policies that protect and expand access to quality maternal healthcare
- Strengthen our support for Black-led, community-based maternal health organizations
- Amplify the voices and lived experiences of Black mothers and birthing people
- Deepen our partnerships with healthcare providers committed to eliminating health inequities
- Continue building power through education, organizing, and civic engagement

"Now more than ever, we must remember that our bodies STILL belong to us! We call on our supporters, allies, and partners to join us in recommitting to the fight for reproductive justice and maternal health equity. Black mothers and babies cannot wait.

"The path forward requires all of us – working at local, state, and national levels – to protect the rights, respect, and resources that Black Mamas need to thrive before, during, and after pregnancy. Together, we will continue to build a future where every Black Mama has access to safe, dignified, and culturally-congruent maternal and reproductive health care.

"For more information about BMMA's work and ways to get involved, visit blackmamasmatter.org."

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