



## BIRTH DOULA CONTRACT

The doula, Cullen Raphael, agrees to provide labor support services for the undersigned who will be delivering at \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ as their OB/Midwife.

### RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DOULA

Upon signing this contract, the doula will meet with the clients at least once prenatally, provide the clients with a cellphone number so she may be reached during the day, assist the clients with making plans for the birth, and provide referrals for other services in the community. The doula will be on call via a phone number- available any time day or night- for two weeks before the due date to two weeks after the due date: \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_, due date being \_\_\_\_\_. The doula will also provide backup in case of emergency, illness, or a long labor.

Once called upon in active labor, the doula will stay with the clients one to two hours post birth unless otherwise indicated by the clients. If the doula is with the clients for longer than a 12 hour period, she will arrange to have a backup doula come to take over for enough time to allow for some rest. The doula will meet with the clients for one postpartum visit. It is the responsibility of the doula to inform the clients of any dates or times she will be unavailable for service. The doula will arrange for backup services for those dates and times, or for the event of an emergency or illness. The primary doula will pay the backup doula for services rendered.

**The doula will provide physical, emotional, and informational support. The doula will not perform any clinical assessments (including vaginal exams, fetal heart tones, or taking vital signs). She will not speak on behalf of the clients or make any decisions for the clients.**

### RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CLIENTS

The clients are responsible for informing their caregiver that a doula will be present for their birth. The clients and doula will discuss preliminary plans, prior to labor, for the arrival of the doula (where to meet, what phase of labor). When the pregnant client goes into labor, the clients will inform the doula so the doula can make personal arrangements. The doula will be given at least one hour to arrive after the first phone call.

### FEES

The fee for doula service is \$850. Half is due upon signing this contract, the other half due prior to beginning on-call time.

Any failure of the doula to perform her services or provide adequate back-up support due to not showing up for the birth after being contacted will be grounds for a complete refund of fees. Should her failure to perform services be a result of failure to be notified of labor and birth by the clients or due to termination after completing contractual obligations, she will retain all fees. Should her failure be a result of rapid labor, she will provide two additional postpartum visits.

We, the undersigned, agree to the terms and conditions as stated above and we fully understand the responsibilities of the doula, as well as our own.

Pregnant Client's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Partner's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Doula's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name \_\_\_\_\_