

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies, proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal governmental body or agency, must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

**WHEREAS**, the Supreme Court upheld abortion restrictions in Mississippi thereby eliminating the constitutional right to an abortion that was first established in the 1973 Roe V. Wade decision; and,

**WHEREAS**, there is virtually no precedent in U.S. law in which a right ruled fundamental by the Supreme Court has been completely rescinded; and,

**WHEREAS**, the majority decision in Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization will have almost immediate negative impact upon millions of women, as nearly two dozen states have already passed laws restricting abortion rights, and 13 states previously passed "trigger" bans on abortion which will go into effect within 30 days of the Supreme Court Decision overturning Roe; and,

**WHEREAS**, prior to the Supreme Court's decision abortion coverage was already highly dependent on where a person lives; and,

**WHEREAS**, the patchwork of laws across states will result in significant disparities in health outcomes for women, especially women already lacking equal access to family planning and abortion care, women living in rural areas, low income women, women of color, and Black women who are also disproportionately affected by higher maternal mortality rates; and,

**WHEREAS**, several Democratic senators and congressmembers, including U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren and U.S. Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, wrote to President Biden urging him to issue an executive order directing the federal government to develop a national plan to defend American's reproductive rights, including their right to an abortion; and

**WHEREAS**, the President can direct the leaders of every federal agency to explore options to protect abortion rights, including: the use of federal property and resources to increase abortion access such that reproductive care and abortions can occur on those properties and be exempt from the state's abortion laws; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Federal Drug Administration (FDA) can issue regulations to further expand access to abortion inducing medication, as it did in December 2021 when it relaxed restrictions in the way mifepristone, an abortion medication, is dispensed (previously only in person); and,

**WHEREAS**, federal agencies can explore the option to provide resources such as travel vouchers, childcare services, and other supports for individuals where access to abortion care is not available in their state; and,

**WHEREAS**, federal agencies like the Office for Civil Rights within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) can clarify how websites and mobile applications that collect reproductive health data and personal identifiable information should protect said data from the risks presented by the sale of personal and private health information in states that criminalize reproductive care; and,

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**WHEREAS**, the HHS can encourage states to use their own medicaid funds, which are not governed by the Hyde Amendment, to cover abortion services and expand other family planning services as well as pursue more aggressive enforcement of federal requirements which guarantee that medicaid beneficiaries have the ability to seek family planning services from their provider of choice; and,

**WHEREAS**, the president can move swiftly to protect reproductive care and abortion rights by way of executive order through these and other proposals; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2021-22 State and Federal Legislative Program sponsorship and/or support of any legislation or initiative, such as the aforementioned proposals, that use federal resources and property to preserve and increase access to reproductive and abortion rights.

**PRESENTED BY:**



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