

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 9

Reps. Pagan, Anthony, Brixie, Chirkun, Hammoud, Hertel, Hope, Lasinski, Rabhi, Sabo, Sneller, Sowerby, Stone, Whitsett and Wittenberg offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to recognize the 46th anniversary of the issuance
2 of the U.S. Supreme Court *Roe v. Wade* ruling.

3 Whereas, The Michigan House of Representatives recognizes the
4 anniversary of the United States Supreme Court decision, *Roe v.*
5 *Wade*, decided on January 22, 1973, affirming that the United States
6 Constitution safeguards a woman's right to make her own medical
7 decisions, and that government should not intrude in the most
8 private and personal family matters; and

9 Whereas, Women's reproductive freedom is vital to a woman's
10 health, economic security, and the ability to participate equally

1 in society. Comprehensive reproductive health care, including safe
2 abortion, is a vital component of a woman's overall health; and

3 Whereas, Like other medical procedures, the safety of abortion
4 is furthered by evidence-based practices developed and supported by
5 medical professionals. Any regulation of medical care should have a
6 legitimate purpose and if possible, be enforced in a way that
7 increases, rather than decreases, access; and

8 Whereas, In the landmark decision *Whole Woman's Health v.*
9 *Hellerstedt*, the Supreme Court recently reaffirmed a woman's
10 constitutional right to access safe, legal abortion, confirming
11 more than 40 years of precedent; and

12 Whereas, One in three women will need an abortion in her
13 lifetime. Safe, legal, and accessible abortion is an essential
14 component of comprehensive reproductive health care. Abortion is
15 one of the safest medical procedures performed in the United States
16 with more than a 99 percent safety record; and

17 Whereas, Everyone should have access to comprehensive health
18 care in the state of Michigan. A woman's right to access safe,
19 legal abortion without burdensome restrictions imposed by a state
20 is at stake; now, therefore, be it

21 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
22 this legislative body recognize the 46th anniversary of the
23 issuance of the U.S. Supreme Court *Roe v. Wade* ruling; and be it
24 further

25 Resolved, That we denounce violence towards abortion providers
26 and their patients and oppose efforts to undermine the *Roe v. Wade*
27 Supreme Court decision by eliminating access to abortion in
28 Michigan and throughout the country; and be it further

29 Resolved, That we affirm that all people have the right to

1 access reproductive healthcare services without fear of violence,
2 intimidation, or harassment and; and be it further

3 Resolved, That we support the right to access health care
4 without interference in this state, including safe and legal
5 abortion.