

*Before the Board of Supervisors in and for the  
County of Monterey, State of California*

Resolution No.

Adopt a resolution Affirming the County of Monterey as a Champion of Reproductive Freedom

**WHEREAS**, the ability of women to safely access and receive reproductive and other healthcare services is become increasingly threatened across the United States and we must act now to demonstrate our commitment as a county to protecting reproductive freedom and healthcare rights; and

**WHEREAS**, all people have a right to comprehensive, evidence-based information about the full range of reproductive health care options, and should have access to comprehensive reproductive health care throughout their lives, regardless of income/race ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender, ability, immigration status, geographic circumstance, gender identify, and insurance coverage status; and

**WHEREAS**, the state of California has worked to make reproductive freedom a right for all Californians, protecting a person's rights to reproductive health and bodily autonomy, their privacy regarding reproductive decisions, their access to safe and legal abortion, and fundamentally, the right to choose whether or not to terminate a pregnancy; and

**WHEREAS**, abortion is health care and is a safe and common procedure, with one in four women obtaining an abortion by age 45; and

**WHEREAS**, safe and legal access to abortion care is fundamental to ensure that all women can achieve their full potential, to make informed decisions about their health; and

**WHEREAS**, access to reproductive care is central to an individual's ability to retain autonomy over their body, their choice to have children or not have children, and their ability to parent the children they have in safe and sustainable communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Monterey County Board of Supervisors have five Strategic Initiatives, one of which is to improve health and quality of life through the promotion of access to equitable opportunities for healthy choices and healthy environments; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Monterey actively works to advance racial equity through its Monterey County Governing for Racial Equity Initiative; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Monterey recognizes that restrictions, bans, and limitations to reproductive healthcare disproportionately impacts the reproductive freedom of populations that already face barriers to accessing care including — communities of color, people with low incomes, immigrants, and young people; and

**WHEREAS**, a primary goal of the County of Monterey is to assure an adequate safety net and quality of life for all County residents.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, on behalf of the County and all residents thereof, affirms its commitment to defend and fight for reproductive freedom and welcomes all those seeking care to fully exercise their reproductive rights and access safe legal abortion.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** on this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_ 2022, upon motion of Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_ by the following vote, to-wit:

**AYES:**

**NOES:**

**ABSENT:**

I, Valeria Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original order of said Board of Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof of Minute Book\_\_\_\_\_ for the meeting on \_\_\_\_\_.

Dated:

Valeria Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
County of Monterey, State of California

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy