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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Illinois has been and continues to be a leader
3 among the states in reproductive health and women's rights,
4 including in the recent passage of the comprehensive
5 Reproductive Health Act of 2019 and in repealing the Parental
6 Notice of Abortion Act in 2021; and

7 WHEREAS, Reproductive health care is a deeply intimate and
8 personal decision that women and people who can become
9 pregnant must be empowered to make for themselves; and

10 WHEREAS, A person's autonomy and ability to participate in
11 the economic and social aspects of daily life are implicated
12 by their ability to control their reproductive health; and

13 WHEREAS, Access to reproductive health care is often
14 integral to the healing and recovery of survivors of sexual
15 assault and abuse; and

16 WHEREAS, Despite reproductive health care's strong impact
17 on the mental and physical health of women and people who can
18 become pregnant, other states around the nation have taken
19 alarming and regressive steps to roll back key protections for
20 women and their reproductive rights, in clear contradiction of
21 the constitutional principles expounded by the U.S. Supreme

1 Court in Roe v. Wade; and

2 WHEREAS, Other states around the country are stripping
3 away women's access to reproductive health care, including
4 Texas, where a law was recently enacted banning abortion after
5 six weeks and offering the prospect of \$10,000 rewards for
6 successful lawsuits against anyone who "aids or abets" a woman
7 who gets an abortion once fetal cardiac activity can be
8 detected; and

9 WHEREAS, A bill has been introduced in Missouri to allow
10 private citizens to sue anyone who helps a Missouri resident
11 obtain an abortion out of state, using the novel legal
12 strategy behind the restrictive law in Texas, in a clear
13 attempt to punish the thousands of residents that are forced
14 to travel to Illinois for reproductive health-care services
15 since Missouri passed one of the country's strictest abortion
16 laws in 2019; and

17 WHEREAS, Missouri politicians would even prohibit
18 lifesaving care for patients facing ectopic pregnancies; and

19 WHEREAS, Nationwide, anti-choice extremists are pushing to
20 go even further, such as in Montana, where legislation would
21 not only force a rape survivor to carry a rapist's child but
22 also co-parent with their rapist; and

1 WHEREAS, Donald Trump called for women to be punished for
2 having abortions and, in Texas, extreme politicians are taking
3 action on his call, introducing legislation that could make it
4 possible to subject women who choose abortion to the death
5 penalty; and

6 WHEREAS, These efforts to undermine people's reproductive
7 rights, including those recently taken in states such as
8 Missouri, Texas, and Florida, are clear attempts to catalyze a
9 repeal of Roe v. Wade under the newly conservative Supreme
10 Court; and

11 WHEREAS, Despite attempts from Republican members in this
12 State to follow the concerning trends seen in these other
13 states and roll back important protections for women our State
14 has enshrined, including attempts to repeal the Reproductive
15 Health Act in bills, including HB 1893 and HB 3043, and
16 institute regressive and counterproductive barriers to access
17 through bills, including HB 261, HB 791, HB 683, HB 827, and HB
18 3041, among others, Illinois continues to stand with women and
19 protect their reproductive rights; and

20 WHEREAS, Illinois is committed to remaining a leader among
21 states in protecting reproductive health and women's rights
22 and calls on other states to join Illinois in its commitment;

1 therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
3 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
4 we declare our commitment to ensuring access to quality health
5 care, including reproductive health care, for women in
6 Illinois; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That we urge the Illinois Congressional
8 Delegation to support federal legislation and other efforts to
9 ensure women's health and reproductive rights continue to be
10 protected and upheld to the fullest extent; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That we oppose any effort to punish those who
12 seek a constitutionally protected abortion; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That we condemn the efforts of those in Illinois
14 and in other states, including Missouri, Texas, and Florida,
15 to undermine women and their reproductive health, and we call
16 on states across the nation to join us in our commitment to
17 women's health; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
19 delivered to the Governor, all Illinois constitutional
20 officers, and all members of the Illinois Congressional
21 Delegation in order to bring further awareness to the

1 importance of women's health and reproductive rights for the
2 residents of the State of Illinois and to be a model state for
3 the rest of the country.