

RESOLUTION 22-15

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE PROTECTION OF REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court, on June 24, 2022, issued its decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* expressly overturning the Supreme Court's 1973 *Roe v. Wade* decision, which determined the privacy rights guaranteed under the U.S. Constitution protect the right to terminate a pregnancy, with some limitation, and the Supreme Court's 1992 *Planned Parenthood of Southeastern Pa. v. Casey* decision, which reaffirmed the central holding of *Roe*; and

WHEREAS, the *Dobbs* decision takes from millions of Americans a fundamental, protected right to make their own reproductive health decisions, including whether and when to carry a pregnancy to term, and accordingly the right to bodily integrity and self-determination; and

WHEREAS, the effects of *Dobbs* will be experienced disproportionately by people of color, economically disadvantaged people and all others who face discrimination in the health care system; and

WHEREAS, the *Dobbs* decision will enable states to force pregnant individuals, regardless of age, who are victims of rape or incest to carry those pregnancies to term, and to subject them to medical and other risks; and

WHEREAS, prior to the *Dobbs* decision, the Indiana General Assembly had already enacted some of the strictest abortion laws in the country;

WHEREAS, on August 5, 2022, the Indiana General Assembly passed and Governor Holcomb signed Senate Bill 1 (SB 1), which provides for a near-total ban on abortion in the Hoosier state;

WHEREAS, denying reproductive freedom can negatively impact the education, career, financial future, health, and safety of all who may become pregnant; and

WHEREAS, in light of the foregoing, the City of Bloomington Common Council seeks to express its support for the protection of reproductive rights and concern about the *Dobbs* decision, Indiana's recent passage of SB 1, and the expected negative impacts of these actions; and

WHEREAS, the Council further intends to take such steps as may be appropriate to protect and advance the rights of individuals in Indiana who can become pregnant and to uphold all persons' rights to privacy, dignity and self-determination.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, MONROE COUNTY, INDIANA, THAT:

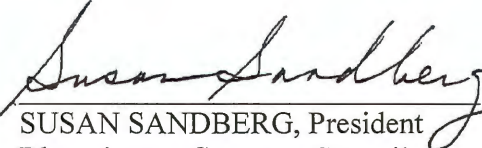
SECTION 1. The City of Bloomington Common Council hereby adopts the determinations and findings contained in the recitals set forth above.

SECTION 2. The Council hereby establishes as the legislative policy of the City the support of legislative efforts consistent with the principles set forth above.

SECTION 3. The City Clerk shall send a copy of this resolution, duly adopted, to the following elected officials:

Eric Holcomb, Governor of Indiana,
Mark Messmer, Senate Majority Leader, Indiana General Assembly
Matthew Lehman, House Majority Leader, Indiana General Assembly
Senator Shelli Yoder (IN District 40)
Senator Eric Allan Koch (IN District 44)
Representative Robert Heaton (IN District 46)
Representative Peggy Mayfield (IN District 60)
Representative Matt Pierce (IN District 61)
Representative Jeff Ellington (IN District 62)

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 17 day of August, 2022.


SUSAN SANDBERG, President
Bloomington Common Council


ATTEST:


NICOLE BOLDEN, Clerk
City of Bloomington

PRESENTED by me to the Mayor of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana upon this 22 day of August, 2022.


NICOLE BOLDEN, Clerk
City of Bloomington

SIGNED and APPROVED by me upon this 22^d day of August, 2022.


JOHN HAMILTON, Mayor
City of Bloomington

SYNOPSIS

This resolution is sponsored by Councilmember Sandberg, Councilmember Sgambelluri, Councilmember Piedmont-Smith, Councilmember Smith, and Councilmember Volan. It expresses concern about the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, Indiana's recent passage of Senate Bill 1, and the expected effects of these actions. It states that the legislative policy of the City of Bloomington will be to support efforts to protect reproductive rights.

Distributed to: Clerk, Council, Legal, Mayor