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CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-__

INTRODUCED BY:

Mayor Alan Webber

Councilor Signe I. Lindell

Councilor Jamie Cassutt

Councilwoman Renee Villarreal

Councilor Amanda Chavez

Councilor Michael J. Garcia

Councilor Carol Romero-Wirth

A RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING LEGISLATION IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO PROTECT THE RIGHT TO A SAFE ABORTION.

WHEREAS, New Mexico Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham signed an Executive Order 2022-107 on June 27, 2022, prohibiting State employees from assisting other jurisdictions seeking criminal or civil penalties related to accessing reproductive healthcare, with limited exceptions; protecting medical providers from attempts at legal retribution, and establishing that the State will not entertain extradition attempts from other states relating to receiving or performing reproductive services, with limited exceptions; and

WHEREAS, the State repealed a statute banning abortion during the 2021 regular session, when *Row v. Wade* was still the law of the land; and

WHEREAS, according to the Center for Reproductive Rights, 970 million women/people with the capacity for pregnancy, representing 59 percent of people of reproductive capacity of reproductive age, live in countries that broadly allow abortion, while 41 percent live under restrictive laws; and

1 **WHEREAS**, legal restrictions on abortion result in higher numbers of unsafe abortions,
2 compelling those seeking abortions to risk their lives and health by resorting to unsafe abortion
3 practices¹; and

4 **WHEREAS**, according to the World Health Organization, 23,000 people with the capacity
5 for pregnancy die of unsafe abortions each year; and

6 **WHEREAS**, people with the capacity for pregnancy across the world have fought for the
7 right to access safe and legal abortion for decades; and

8 **WHEREAS**, in the United States, the 1973, *Roe v. Wade* Supreme Court decision
9 recognized the right to receive an abortion under the 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution;
10 and

11 **WHEREAS**, the 1992, *Planned Parenthood v. Casey* Supreme Court decision upheld the
12 right to receive an abortion, adding that any restrictions should be evaluated under an “undue
13 burden” standard; and

14 **WHEREAS**, in December of 2021, the Supreme Court of the United States heard oral
15 arguments in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women 's Health Clinic*, concerning a Mississippi abortion law that
16 directly challenged *Roe v. Wade*; and

17 **WHEREAS**, *Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Clinic* overruled *Roe v. Wade*; and

18 **WHEREAS**, millions of people with the capacity for pregnancy lost their legal right to
19 abortion when the Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade*; and

20 **WHEREAS**, the greatest impact of this decision will be felt by persons from marginalized
21 groups who already face significant barriers accessing abortion care, particularly low-income
22 people of color; and

23 **WHEREAS**, research published in the Duke University Press, *Demography* (2021) 58

¹ <https://www.npr.org/sections/goatsandsoda/2022/05/27/1099739656/do-restrictive-abortion-laws-actually-reduce-abortion-a-global-map-offers-insigh>

1 2019-2028 estimates that banning abortion in the United States may lead to a 21 percent increase
2 in the number of pregnancy-related deaths overall and a 33 percent increase in the number of
3 pregnancy-related deaths among non-Hispanic Black people; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the City of Santa Fe (“City”) is committed to staunch advocacy for
5 reproductive rights and to being a safe haven for all people seeking abortions.

6 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**
7 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that the Governing Body hereby supports legislation that would codify the
8 right to safe abortion into law and urges the State and the federal governments to take immediate
9 action to pass legislation to this effect.

10 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Clerk is directed to send this resolution to
11 the Santa Fe Legislative Delegation, the Governor of New Mexico, and the New Mexico
12 Congressional Delegation.

13 PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2022.

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17 ATTEST:

ALAN WEBBER, MAYOR

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20 KRISTINE MIHELICIC, CITY CLERK

21 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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24 ERIN K. McSHERRY, CITY ATTORNEY

25 *Legislation/2022/Resolutions/Supporting a State and Federal Right to Abortion*