

1 [Urging the United States Congress and the Biden Administration to Codify Roe vs. Wade and
2 Reproductive Rights for Women and Birthing People]

3 **Resolution urging the United States Congress and the Biden Administration to codify**
4 **Roe vs. Wade through the passage of legislation protecting Reproductive Rights;**
5 **recognizing Abortion as Healthcare, and urging approaches that uplift autonomy for**
6 **women and other birthing people.**

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8 WHEREAS, On May 2, 2022, Politico first reported a leaked Supreme Court of the
9 United States (SCOTUS) initial draft majority opinion written by Justice Samuel Alito to
10 overturn Roe vs. Wade, effectively eradicating women, and birthing people’s constitutional
11 right to choose; and

12 WHEREAS, On May 3, 2022, Chief Justice John Roberts confirmed the initial draft
13 majority opinion’s authenticity placing reproductive freedom on the line with women and
14 birthing people continuing to need abortion options who now may seek life-threatening
15 alternatives; and

16 WHEREAS, The impact of criminalizing abortion will further marginalize our most
17 vulnerable communities, people with low-incomes, Black, Brown, and Indigenous women, and
18 birthing people who will be disproportionately affected by any abortion bans - according to the
19 Center for American Progress, women of nearly all races and ethnicities face higher rates of
20 poverty than their male counterparts; the highest rates of poverty are experienced by
21 American Indian or Alaska Natives (AIAN) women, Black women, and Latinas; about one in
22 four AIAN women live in poverty and will likely not have safe access to abortion; and

23 WHEREAS, If Roe vs. Wade is overturned many women and birthing people in large
24 swaths of the United States of America with conservative leadership will lose what little
25 autonomy they have and will need to seek treatment out-of-state, if they can afford to do so,

1 or face criminal punishment, as 13 states have “trigger” laws that will automatically outlaw
2 abortion if Roe vs. Wade is overturned; and

3 WHEREAS, If women or birthing people want an abortion or access to other
4 reproductive freedoms, that decision should not be governed by the state, which historically
5 has acted as an oppressive regime on women’s and birthing people’s autonomy over one's
6 body, finances, and livelihoods; and

7 WHEREAS, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer
8 issued this statement following media reports of a draft Supreme Court decision overturning
9 the landmark Roe v. Wade ruling: “... the Supreme Court is poised to inflict the greatest
10 restriction of rights in the past fifty years - not just on women but on all Americans”; and

11 WHEREAS, Governor Gavin Newsom, California Legislature Senate Pro Tem Toni
12 Atkins, and Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon announced on May 2, 2022, that they will
13 propose an amendment enshrining the right to an abortion in the California Constitution so
14 “California builds a firewall around this right in our state constitution,” and

15 WHEREAS, In September 2021, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors passed a
16 resolution proclaiming “Abortion is Healthcare,” continuing our legacy of placing necessary
17 weight on this fundamental right that will impact San Franciscans with the least resources;
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19 WHEREAS, Congress and the Biden Administration can no longer wait for Roe vs.
20 Wade to be officially overturned and must act boldly and pass legislation that will protect
21 women and birthing people’s reproductive rights in all states, like H.R. 3755 - Women's Health
22 Protection Act of 2021, which passed out of the U.S. House of Representatives, but was
23 stalled at the U.S. Senate; and

24 WHEREAS, We must act swiftly to protect women and birthing people across the
25 nation and remain committed to advocating and fighting to protect access to reproductive

1 care; steadfast in the belief that women and other birthing people alone, hold the right to make
2 decisions about their bodies and futures; and supporting safe access to abortion everywhere;
3 now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco recognizes Abortion as
5 Healthcare and firmly condemns the overturning of Roe vs. Wade; and

6 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors and the City and County of San
7 Francisco commit to passing and implementing legislation that uplifts women and birthing
8 people’s choices regarding their bodies and advances reproductive justice; and

9 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco urges Congress
10 and the Biden Administration to act swiftly in passing and implementing legislation such as
11 H.R. 3755 - Women's Health Protection Act of 2021 at the federal level to protect reproductive
12 rights and freedom; and

13 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco refuse to entertain
14 assertions that the dignity and autonomy of women and birthing people are open to
15 negotiation, and declares that it is a champion of reproductive freedom and justice; and

16 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors directs the Clerk of the Board
17 to transmit copies of the Resolution to the offices of San Francisco’s federal delegation.

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