BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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RESOLUTION NO. 22-120

Resolution Support Access to Reproductive Health Services and California Proposition 1 - Right to Reproductive Freedom Amendment

WHEREAS, the County of Humboldt supports the ability of all residents to access appropriate and affordable healthcare; and

WHEREAS, the County of Humboldt, through its County-Organized Health System and the public health programs it administers, strives to improve the lives of everyone in Humboldt County, and to provide services and outreach to build trust with women, particularly women of color, low-income women and gender nonconforming individuals, and these programs and efforts would be impaired by government actions that criminalize abortion and deter women from seeking needed health care; and

WHEREAS, with the recent U.S. Supreme Court decision Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization, which overturned the long-standing precedent of Roe v. Wade, the ability of individuals to safely access reproductive and other healthcare services is now significantly threatened across the United States; and

WHEREAS, with the continued proliferation of laws restricting, prohibiting, and even criminalizing abortion in multiple states, individuals will now be forced to leave their home communities and primary health care providers to travel to other states including California to receive necessary reproductive health care services in the coming months and years; and

WHEREAS, California has a history of assuring safe access to abortion and contraception through structural supports, such as Medicaid and public health programs, that assist all residents with the reproductive health care and contraceptive services they need, and these programs have resulted in a significant reduction in teen pregnancy, as well as reduced disparities in reproductive health care based on race, ethnicity, and socio-economic status; and

WHEREAS, the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors supports efforts that ensure individuals have access to abortions, including supporting and encouraging voters to vote in favor of California's Proposition 1.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors supports California's Proposition 1, and supports the rights of all residents to access reproductive health services.

Dated: October 4, 2022

IRGINIA BASS, Chair

Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

Adopted on motion by Supervisor Madrone, seconded by Supervisor Wilson, and the following vote:

Bohn, Bushnell, Bass, Wilson, Madrone

AYES: Supervisors -NAYS: Supervisors -ABSENT: Supervisors -ABSTAIN: Supervisors -STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
County of Humboldt)

I, KATHY HAYES, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, County of Humboldt, State of California, do hereby certify the foregoing to be an original made in the above-entitled matter by said Board of Supervisors at a meeting held in Eureka, California.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of said Board of Supervisors.

By NICOLE TURNER

Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Humboldt, State of California