

1 **STATE OF GEORGIA**
2 **COUNTY OF DEKALB**
3 **CITY OF STONECREST**

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5 **RESOLUTION NO. 2022-_____**

6 **A RESOLUTION BY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF**
7 **STONECREST REQUESTING THAT NO CITY FUNDS BE UTILIZED TO RECORD**
8 **AND/OR INVESTIGATE REPORTS OF ABORTION CARE AND TO ENCOURAGE**
9 **THE DEKALB POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PLACE REPORTS OF ABORTION-**
10 **RELATED CARE AT THE LOWEST POSSIBLE PRIORITY; AND FOR OTHER**
11 **PURPOSES.**

12 **WHEREAS**, according to the National Institute of Reproductive Health, one in four
13 women in the United States will have an abortion by the time they are 45 years old; and

14 **WHEREAS**, since Roe V. Wade (“Roe”) was decided in 1973, several states have worked
15 to enact restrictions to accessing abortion, causing widespread clinic closure, and significant
16 barriers to accessing abortion care; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the Georgia General Assembly passed an anti-abortion law (HB 481) which
18 was signed into law in 2019; and

19 **WHEREAS**, on June 24, 2022, the United States Supreme Court declared Dobbs v.
20 Jackson Women’s Health Organization constitutional reversing Roe v. Wade and making the
21 federal constitutional right to abortion, upheld for nearly a half century invalid; and

22 **WHEREAS**, following the overturning of Roe, on July 20th, 2022, the Eleventh District
23 Court of Appeals ruled to allow HB 481 to go into effect, banning most abortions after fetal cardiac
24 activity is detected and redefining person to include an embryo and fetus; and

25 **WHEREAS**, limiting the access to abortions and abortion care have disproportionately
26 affected low income, immigrant and people of color; and

27 **WHEREAS**, eliminating legal access to abortion has been empirically proven to
28 dramatically increase the risk of death, bodily injury, and infertility, especially within low-income
29 communities and communities of color; and

30 **WHEREAS**, low-income women are more than five times as likely than affluent women
31 to experience an unintended pregnancy, which has significant implications for social mobility
32 given that unplanned childbearing is associated with higher rates of poverty, less family stability,
33 and worse outcomes for children, according to a Brookings Center on Children and Families (CCF)
34 paper; and

35 **WHEREAS**, several states, including the state of Georgia have severely restricted abortion
36 access; and

37 **WHEREAS**, the City of Stonecrest (“City”) supports a women’s choice to choose and
38 opposes the use of any City funds to record and or investigate reports of abortion care; and

39 **WHEREAS**, the right to privacy should protect healthcare providers, patients and all
40 others involved with medical treatment from any criminal investigation related to decisions made
41 within the healthcare provider-patient relationship, including abortion, as long as those decisions
42 occur without coercion, force or negligence; and

43 **WHEREAS**, the City of Stonecrest has a responsibility to protect its residents from any
44 violation of their human rights and any criminalization of the free exercise thereof.

45 **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF**
46 **STONECREST, GEORGIA** that the Stonecrest City Council hereby requests that City funds not
47 be used to record and/or investigate reports of abortion care and the DeKalb Police Department is
48 encouraged to place reports of abortion related care at the lowest possible priority.

49 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Stonecrest City Council stands with those who
50 condemn any actions intended to abrogate the fundamental liberties of women and affirms its
51 commitment to protecting its residents' right to make reproductive health decisions for themselves,
52 including abortion care.

53 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** in accordance with this Resolution, the Stonecrest City
54 Council hereby requests that except to the extent otherwise required by state or federal law, city
55 funds will not be used to:

- 56 1. Store or catalog any report of abortion, miscarriage, or other conduct that could be
57 prosecuted under state laws criminalizing reproductive care;
- 58 2. Provide information to any other governmental body or agency about any abortion,
59 miscarriage, or other conduct that could be prosecuted under state laws criminalizing
60 reproductive healthcare, unless such information is provided to defend the patient's right
61 to abortion care or the healthcare provider's right to provide that care; and
- 62 3. Conduct surveillance or collect data or other information related to any individual,
63 organization, location, vehicle, action, financial record or internet activity for the purpose
64 of determining whether an abortion has occurred, except for the collection of aggregated
65 data without personally identifying information or personal health information for purposes
66 unrelated to criminal investigation, enforcement or prosecution.

67 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, it is the intention of the Stonecrest City Council that this
68 request does not apply in incidents where coercion or force is used against the pregnant person, or
69 in incidents involving conduct criminally negligent to the health of the pregnant person seeking
70 care.

71 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Stonecrest City Council encourages the Dekalb
72 Police Department to ensure that the investigation or support for the prosecution of any allegation,
73 charge, or information relating to the outcome of a given pregnancy, including abortion and
74 abortion-related care, or any party thereto will be the lowest priority for enforcement and the use
75 or assignment of resources and personnel, except in cases where coercion or force is used against
76 the pregnant person, or conduct criminally negligent to the health of the pregnant person seeking
77 care, or in cases where the abortion, miscarriage, or reproductive healthcare is not the crime being
78 investigated but as evidence of another crime, such as sexual assault.

79 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict
80 herewith are hereby waived to the extent of the conflict.

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82 **SO RESOLVED**, this _____ day of _____, 2022

83 **[SIGNATURES ON FOLLOW PAGES]**
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CITY OF STONECREST, GEORGIA

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Jazzmin Cobble, Mayor

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94 **ATTEST:**

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City Clerk

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City Attorney