Before the Board of Supervisors in and for the
County of Monterey, State of California

Resolution No.
Adopt a resolution Affirming the County of Monterey as a Champion of Reproductive Freedom

WHEREAS, the ability of women to safely access and receive reproductive and other healthcare services is become increasingly threatened across the United States and we must act now to demonstrate our commitment as a county to protecting reproductive freedom and healthcare rights; and

WHEREAS, all people have a right to comprehensive, evidence-based information about the full range of reproductive health care options, and should have access to comprehensive reproductive health care throughout their lives, regardless of income/race ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender, ability, immigration status, geographic circumstance, gender identify, and insurance coverage status; and

WHEREAS, the state of California has worked to make reproductive freedom a right for all Californians, protecting a person's rights to reproductive health and bodily autonomy, their privacy regarding reproductive decisions, their access to safe and legal abortion, and fundamentally, the right to choose whether or not to terminate a pregnancy; and

WHEREAS, abortion is health care and is a safe and common procedure, with one in four women obtaining an abortion by age 45; and

WHEREAS, safe and legal access to abortion care is fundamental to ensure that all women can achieve their full potential, to make informed decisions about their health; and

WHEREAS, access to reproductive care is central to an individual's ability to retain autonomy over their body, their choice to have children or not have children, and their ability to parent the children they have in safe and sustainable communities; and

WHEREAS, the Monterey County Board of Supervisors have five Strategic Initiatives, one of which is to improve health and quality of life through the promotion of access to equitable opportunities for healthy choices and healthy environments; and

WHEREAS, the County of Monterey actively works to advance racial equity through its Monterey County Governing for Racial Equity Initiative; and

WHEREAS, the County of Monterey recognizes that restrictions, bans, and limitations to reproductive healthcare disproportionately impacts the reproductive freedom of populations that already face barriers to accessing care including — communities of color, people with low incomes, immigrants, and young people; and

WHEREAS, a primary goal of the County of Monterey is to assure an adequate safety net and quality of life for all County residents.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, on behalf of the County and all residents thereof, affirms its commitment to defend and fight for reproductive freedom and welcomes all those seeking care to fully exercise their reproductive rights and access safe legal abortion.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this __ day of ____ 2022, upon motion of Supervisor _____, seconded by Supervisor _____ by the following vote, to-wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

I, Valeria Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original order of said Board of Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof of Minute Book_____ for the meeting on _____.

Dated:

Valeria Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Monterey, State of California

By _____
Deputy