

WHEREAS, access to health care including reproductive health care is a fundamental human right; and

WHEREAS, *Roe v. Wade*, the landmark Supreme Court of the United States decision that recognized the constitutionally protected right for a pregnant person to choose to have an abortion prior to viability, had been the law of the land for almost 50 years; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court's recent decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson* overturned *Roe v. Wade* rolling back protections for millions of people; and

WHEREAS, just a week before the *Dobbs* decision, the Iowa Supreme Court, in *Planned Parenthood v. Reynolds*, overturned the precedent that the Iowa Constitution provided a right to access abortion; and

WHEREAS, residents across Des Moines, the state of Iowa, and the country are now at risk of losing access to essential health care services that many of them have had access to for their entire lives;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL THAT the City of Des Moines supports the codification of the right to abortion into state and federal law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City of Des Moines remains committed to providing our employees the same access to health care including reproductive health care that they have had previously and the City Council directs the City Manager and human resources director to develop a policy related to travel reimbursement to access health care services that become inaccessible in state; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City of Des Moines shall not use its resources to investigate anyone seeking reproductive health care services or health care providers facilitating access to such services; and

BE IT FUTRHER RESOLVED THAT the City Council directs City Manager to work with staff to draft an ordinance to prohibit discrimination based on reproductive health actions so that nobody could be denied housing or employment for getting an abortion or accessing reproductive health care.