



## PROCLAIMING THE CITY OF BERKELEY'S COMMITMENT TO ROE V. WADE

**WHEREAS,** January 22, 2021 marks the 48<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the historic Supreme Court decision, *Roe v. Wade*, which legalized abortion and recognized women's freedom of reproductive choice as essential to the lives, rights, health and equality of women; and

**WHEREAS,** prior to 1973, the year when *Roe v. Wade* was enacted, women faced significant obstacles to safe reproductive health services, resulting in widespread loss of life and serious illness; and

**WHEREAS,** in 2020, 24 abortion restrictions were enacted and two abortion cases that would have significant implications for abortion access asked for Supreme Court review this fall: *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* and *FDA v ACOG*; and

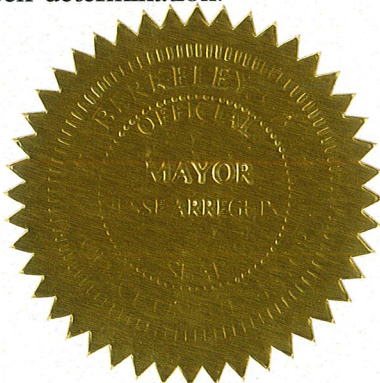
**WHEREAS,** the right to safe, legal and accessible abortion continues to be undermined by federal initiatives, threatening the health and safety of women's lives, including the most marginalized women: low-income women, women of color, refugee and immigrant women; and

**WHEREAS,** throughout the Bay Area, hundreds of health care workers have devoted their careers to ensuring that the women of the Bay Area have access to safe and legal reproductive health services, while often putting their own safety at great risk due to harassment and violent opposition; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Berkeley,** that we recognize and celebrate the 48<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF ROE V. WADE and praise the perilous and self-sacrificing work of the healthcare providers who face threats and violence for providing safe and legal health services to women throughout the Bay Area.

**NOW FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Berkeley re-affirms its commitment to the human rights afforded to all women under *Roe v. Wade*, regardless of socioeconomic, ethnic, racial, cultural or religious background, age or sexual orientation and to opposing any laws or regulations that pose a threat to abortion, reproductive rights, sexual freedom and/or self-determination.

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