



RESOLUTION

In Support of the Constitutional Right to Reproductive Health Care

WHEREAS, access to a full range of reproductive care options, including safe and legal abortion, is a fundamental human right; and

WHEREAS, following the U.S. Supreme Court's decision to overturn *Roe v. Wade* in the case *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, both houses of the North Carolina General Assembly passed Senate Bill 20 — Care for Women, Children and Families Act on a party line vote to severely limit the rights of women and their bodily autonomy by reducing legally allowed abortions from 20 to 12 weeks and reducing access to medication abortion to 10 weeks; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 20 also imposes new barriers to the provision of care that are not medically necessary, such as additional in-person appointments and new clinic practices; and

WHEREAS, creating barriers to reproductive health care, including abortions, will make it harder for the most vulnerable to access health care, which medical professionals say will lead to preventable deaths; and

WHEREAS, despite that the majority of North Carolinians support access to safe, legal abortion and despite the legislature's bill filing rules, Senate Bill 20 was released with little notice and no transparency, with the bill crafted by legislative leadership behind closed doors and with no opportunity for public comment;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Hillsborough Board of Commissioners supports the right for all to access the full spectrum of reproductive health care, including abortion care; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the town board commends Senator Graig Meyer and Representative Renée Price for their votes against Senate Bill 20; supports Governor Roy Cooper's decision to veto the bill; and encourages members of the General Assembly to uphold the governor's veto when a vote to override occurs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the town board urges our elected officials at the North Carolina General Assembly to prioritize the health care needs of residents — not further banning of abortion — and additionally urges the General Assembly to increase investment in access to health care and affordable birth control, including emergency contraception, and to the provision of comprehensive age-appropriate sex education; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the town board urges residents to speak out against these egregious attacks on bodily autonomy and make their views known to members of the North Carolina General Assembly.

Approved this 8th day of May in the year 2023.



Jenn Weaver, Mayor
Town of Hillsborough