

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN
JOSE DECLARING THE CITY OF SAN JOSE A DEFENDER
FOR REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM**

WHEREAS, California has worked to make reproductive freedom a fundamental right for all Californians by guaranteeing privacy regarding reproductive decisions and protecting a person's right to bodily autonomy, access to abortion, and to make independent reproductive choices including whether or not to terminate a pregnancy; and

WHEREAS, reproductive rights are under attack in this country as states enact laws that restrict or ban abortion with serious implications for reproductive freedom in communities across the country; and

WHEREAS, abortion restrictions, bans, and limitations to reproductive freedom disproportionately impact populations that already face barriers to accessing care including communities of color, individuals with low income, immigrant communities, youth, and rural communities; and

WHEREAS, autonomy and agency in reproductive matters are central to secure gender, economic, and racial equity in all aspects of life; and

WHEREAS, sufficient access to reproductive care is central to individual's ability to retain autonomy over their body, their choice to have children or not have children, and parent the children they have in safe and sustainable communities; 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, in 2019 Governor Gavin Newsom issued the California Proclamation on Reproductive Freedom to educate Californians on their reproductive rights under the state constitution and laws and affirm California's commitment to reproductive freedom; and

WHEREAS, as states around the country enact abortion restrictions and outright bans to abortions, the City of San José can serve as a model and commit to defend and fight for reproductive freedom and welcome all those seeking to fully exercise their reproductive rights and access safe legal abortion as prescribed in *Roe v. Wade*;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN JOSE that the City of San José is hereby a champion and defender of health equity and reproductive freedom for all, so that anyone may have access to the reproductive services they need, when they need them.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of San José calls on the United States Congress to protect reproductive freedom nationwide by enacting legislation to protect access to abortion and other reproductive care without government interference.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2021, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

DISQUALIFIED:

SAM LICCARDO
Mayor

ATTEST:

TONI J. TABER, CMC
City Clerk