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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

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2 WHEREAS, The health and well-being of women in the State of 3 Illinois is a top priority; the health and education of women 4 is directly linked to improved social well-being for the entire 5 community; and

WHEREAS, Reproductive rights are not synonymous with abortion services, and Title X funds cannot be used to fund abortion services due to the Hyde Amendment of 1976, which does not allow federal funds to be used for abortion services; and

WHEREAS, Title X funding is directly linked with the prevention of sexually transmitted infections (STIs), early screening for cervical cancer, and other family-planning services; and

WHEREAS, Defunding clinics that perform abortion services that use Title X funding for other family-planning functions will have a direct effect on the most impoverished communities, which include the unemployed, the underemployed, and women of color, as they are the most likely recipients of Title X funding; and

20 WHEREAS, The Title X gag order prevents healthcare 21 providers from discussing abortion referrals; this action

- 1 limits the doctor-patient relationship and will force the
- 2 closure of clinics that allow patients and doctors to discuss
- 3 options and choose the most effective healthcare treatment for
- 4 their individual need; and
- 5 WHEREAS, The Title X gag order will help to dismantle
- 6 progress the United States has made in lowering the rate of
- 7 teen pregnancy, since teens are more likely to seek clinics
- 8 that use Title X funding to grant services on a sliding scale;
- 9 therefore, be it
- 10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
- 11 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
- 12 we urge the Department of Health and Human Services to overturn
- 13 84 FR 7714, which would render the clinics that perform
- 14 abortion services to be ineligible for any Title X funding and
- 15 would not allow doctors to give referrals for abortion
- 16 services; and be it further
- 17 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
- 18 delivered to President Donald Trump, the Office of the
- 19 Assistant Secretary of Health, the Office of the Secretary,
- 20 HHS, the Department of Health and Human Services, and all
- 21 members of the Illinois Congressional Delegation.