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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, On May 31, 2019, the 101st General Assembly passed the Reproductive Health Act, which established laws and policies that protect individual decision-making in the area of reproductive health, supports access to the full scope of quality reproductive health care for all in our State, and permits regulation of reproductive health care, including contraception, abortion, and maternity care, only to the extent that such regulation is narrowly tailored to protect a compelling State interest; and

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WHEREAS, Each individual has a fundamental right to make autonomous decisions about one's own reproductive health, including the fundamental right to use or refuse reproductive health care, contraception, or sterilization and to make autonomous decisions about how to exercise that right and the fundamental right of an individual who becomes pregnant to continue the pregnancy and give birth to a child or to have an abortion and to make autonomous decisions about how to exercise that right; and

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WHEREAS, The Reproductive Health Act repealed the Illinois Abortion Law of 1975, the Partial-birth Abortion Ban Act, and the Abortion Performance Refusal Act; and

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1 WHEREAS, The Governor approved of the Reproductive Health
2 Act, and it became law on June 12, 2019; and

3 WHEREAS, On May 17, 2021, the United States Supreme Court
4 granted the petition for writ of certiorari to Dobbs v.
5 Jackson Women's Health Organization on Question 1 that is
6 whether all pre-viability prohibitions on elective abortions
7 are unconstitutional; and

8 WHEREAS, In the wake of this news, fundamental
9 reproductive health rights and the United States
10 constitutional right to abortion established by Roe v. Wade
11 and Planned Parenthood v. Casey are in jeopardy; and

12 WHEREAS, In 2021, several states are banning fundamental
13 reproductive health rights across the nation; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL
15 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare our
16 commitment to uphold the law and values embodied within the
17 Reproductive Health Act; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
19 delivered to the Governor, all Illinois constitutional
20 officers, and all members of the Illinois General Assembly in
21 order to bring further awareness to the importance of

1 upholding fundamental reproductive health rights for our
2 residents of the State of Illinois and to be a model state for
3 the rest of our country.