

## RESOLUTION FROM THE FLOOR, FALL 2022 SCC Meeting

**RESOLUTION:** Demand and support a State Constitutional Amendment protecting abortion rights as currently available in New Mexico, i.e., without restrictions. The constitutional amendment shall include all reproductive rights, including contraception as well as abortion rights.

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**WHEREAS** on June 24, 2022, the Supreme Court of the United States overturned the decision of Roe v. Wade that provided a constitutional right to abortion; [1]

**WHEREAS** the State of New Mexico Democratic Party platform [2] includes Women's Right to Choose and states that "Health care is a fundamental human right, as is a robust public health system and resources to support it. Regardless of their circumstance, everyone in New Mexico and the U.S. should have access to comprehensive, affordable, high-quality health care in conjunction with comprehensive behavioral health services and reproductive care, including access to birth control, quality prenatal and postpartum care, and abortion care;"

**WHEREAS** decisions regarding abortion have been rendered to the State level, it is imperative to pass a New Mexico constitutional amendment to ensure women's access to healthcare, including all reproductive rights such as abortion and contraception, is preserved in the future for all residents of the state of New Mexico. Four states and the District of Columbia have already codified this right, and others such as Washington State are in the process of it; [3], [4]

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Democratic Party of New Mexico resolves to demand and support a State Constitutional Amendment protecting abortion rights as currently available in New Mexico, i.e., without restrictions. The constitutional amendment shall include all reproductive rights, including contraception as well as abortion rights.

### CITATIONS

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