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RESOLUTION #: 7E-22-011

Resolution to Support Women's Rights to Reproductive Health Care in the District of Columbia

Whereas healthcare is a universal human right^[1]; and

Whereas abortion is a common^[2], safe^[3] form of healthcare^[4]; and

Whereas abortion is legal and protected^[5] in Washington, DC; and

Whereas intimidation and physical obstruction are common tools^[6] used to deter individuals from accessing and providing abortion services; and

Whereas restrictions and bans on access to abortion services create financial, physical, and mental health risks to the people seeking them or who are denied needed procedures^{[7][8]}; and

Whereas in Washington, DC Black women obtain abortions at rates three times higher than their White (non-Hispanic) counterparts; an infringement on access to abortions has grave implications for racial and economic justice.

Whereas the US Supreme Court could eliminate constitutional protections for abortion in its pending decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*,^[9] resulting in individual US states enacting further restrictions on abortion services; and

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Whereas restricted access to abortion and other reproductive health services may lead to an increased number of individuals outside of the District of Columbia to seek abortions and related care outside their residence^[10]; therefore, be it

Resolved, that ANC 7E urges the Government of the District of Columbia guarantee access and affordability for reproductive health services in the District of Columbia to all who may seek it, through Bill 24-0726^[11], the “Enhancing Reproductive Health Protections Amendment Act of 2022”, and/or similar measures; and

Be it further resolved, that ANC 7E urges all relevant offices within the Government of the District of Columbia—including but not limited to the Mayor, DC Council, Attorney General, and Department of Health—communicate or continue to communicate to the general public that reproductive health services are available within the District of Columbia regardless of one’s place of residence or citizenship, legal status of citizenship, race, age, ethnicity, income, gender identity, or religious credence or lack thereof; and

Be it further resolved, that ANC 7E urges the DC Council and the Mayor to pass and sign into law legislation protecting self-management of abortions and medical practitioners’ right to offer abortions and related reproductive health services; and

Be it further resolved, that ANC 7E urges DC Council and the Mayor pass and sign into law full Medicaid funding of abortion and other reproductive health services in the District of Columbia, including for self-medicated abortions; and

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Be it further resolved, that ANC 7E urges DC Council and the Mayor pass legislation prohibiting state courts from enforcing the penalties of another state against any individual who obtained reproductive health services which are illegal in another state, in the spirit of House Bill 5414^[12] which was recently introduced in Connecticut; and

Be it further resolved, that ANC 7E urges DC Council and the Mayor voice support for H.R. 3755^[13], the Women's Health Protection Act of 2021, in order to widely and permanently codify the right to provide and access abortion services throughout the United States of America.

ADOPTED by vote at a regular public meeting (notice of which was properly given, and at which a quorum of ____ of the seven members was present on May , 2022 by a vote of __5 yes, __1 _no and __0__abstained.

Delia Houseal, ANC 7E06

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