

National Federation of Democratic Women Resolution
in Support of a Woman's Right to Choose



WHEREAS, the U.S. Supreme Court established the right to privacy, in 1965, in *Griswold v. Connecticut*. Later, in 1973, the U.S. Supreme Court recognized the right to privacy in abortion in the landmark decision, *Roe v. Wade*. The Court decided that the constitutional right to privacy comes from the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment. The Court wrote that the right to privacy includes the decision as to whether to terminate pregnancy; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Supreme Court re-affirmed constitutional protection for a woman's right to choose an abortion before fetal viability in *Planned Parenthood of Southeastern Pennsylvania v. Casey*, in 1992; and

WHEREAS, women's reproductive freedom is vital to a woman's health, economic security, and the ability to participate equally in society. Comprehensive reproductive health care, including safe abortion, is a vital component of a woman's overall health. The conservative assault on a woman's right to choose has been emboldened by the shifting political makeup of the U.S. Supreme Court, various state courts, and Republican-controlled state legislatures. Recently, a draft U.S. Supreme Court decision was authored by Justice Alito; if it becomes official, it will overturn the *Roe v. Wade* decision and reverse the advances made in reproductive health. (Ed. note: the Dobbs decision did just that.)

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the National Federation of Democratic Women hereby reaffirms our unwavering support for access to reproductive health and a woman's right to choose and will aggressively oppose efforts by the Courts, State Legislatures, and Congress to undermine the *Roe v. Wade* decision and any limits on comprehensive reproductive health care, including safe abortion.

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