



**RESOLUTION NO. 2270-2022 OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF HAVERFORD TOWNSHIP
AFFIRMING SUPPORT OF REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM**

WHEREAS, in its 1973 landmark decision *Roe vs. Wade*, the Supreme Court of the United States acknowledged that the ability to make private medical decisions impacting women's own health was a right enshrined in the United States Constitution, and could not be eliminated by any of the individual states; and

WHEREAS, a substantial majority of women in the United States have enjoyed these rights for their entire lives; and

WHEREAS, on June 23, 2022, these constitutional rights possessed by 170 million women in the United States of America, including 25,000 women in Haverford Township, were eliminated by the Supreme Court of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the immediate ramifications of a woman's loss of her right to an abortion are widespread and already have impacted a woman's right to interstate travel, access to medical care, and access to pharmaceutical products; and

WHEREAS, by eliminating these rights and protections of privacy, the Supreme Court of the United States has given states the legal right to restrict women's reproductive health care, to intervene between a woman and her own health care providers, and to restrict a woman's right to plan her own family; and

WHEREAS, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, women are now legally required to inform their spouses before obtaining a legal abortion, a requirement that is no longer prohibited by *Roe vs. Wade* and *Planned Parenthood vs. Casey*; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress and the President of the United States have the opportunity to restore these rights by passing and signing into federal law "The Women's Health Protection Act of 2021" (H.R. 3755) which will codify the reproductive rights and the right to medical self-determination previously recognized by *Roe vs. Wade*; and

WHEREAS, "The Women's Health Protection Act of 2021" (H.R. 3755) will protect the health care providers who provide abortion services; and

WHEREAS, "The Women's Health Protection Act of 2021" (H.R. 3755) will also protect the health of the mother, protect victims of rape and incest from additional harm, and protect women experiencing a medical emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY UNDERSIGNED COMMISSIONERS OF THE HAVERFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, AS FOLLOWS:

The undersigned Commissioners of the Haverford Township Board of Commissioner call on the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate to pass "The Women's Health Protection Act of 2021" (H.R. 3755) immediately, and that it be transmitted to President Biden's desk for his signature, to become federal law; and

FURTHER, be it resolved that the undersigned Commissioners of the Haverford Township Board of Commissioners hereby direct the Township Manager to transmit this Resolution to the Speaker of the House, the Senate Majority Leader, and the President of the United States.

RESOLVED this 11th day of July, 2022.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TOWNSHIP OF HAVERFORD**



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Township Manager



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