

Rep. Pagan offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 16.

A resolution to recognize the 44th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court *Roe v. Wade* ruling.

Whereas, The United States Supreme Court decision, *Roe v. Wade*, published on January 22, 1973, affirmed that the United States Constitution safeguards a woman's right to make her own medical decisions, and that government should not intrude in the most private and personal family matters; and

Whereas, Women's reproductive freedom is vital to a woman's health, economic security, and the ability to participate equally in society; and

Whereas, Comprehensive reproductive health care, including safe abortion, is a vital component of a woman's overall health; and

Whereas, Like other medical procedures, the safety of abortion is furthered by evidence-based practices developed and supported by medical professionals; and

Whereas, Any regulation of medical care should have a legitimate purpose and if possible, be enforced in a way that increases, rather than decreases, access; and

Whereas, In the landmark decision *Whole Woman's Health v. Hellerstedt*, the Supreme Court recently reaffirmed a woman's constitutional right to access safe, legal abortion, confirming more than 40 years of precedent; and

Whereas, One in three women will need an abortion in her lifetime, and as such, safe, legal, and accessible abortion is an essential component of comprehensive reproductive health care; and

Whereas, Abortion is one of the safest medical procedures performed in the United States with more than a 99 percent safety record; and

Whereas, A woman's right to access safe, legal abortion without burdensome restrictions imposed by a state is at stake; and

Whereas, Everyone should have access to comprehensive health care in the state of Michigan; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body recognize the 44th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court *Roe v. Wade* ruling; and be it further

Resolved, That the House of Representatives denounces violence towards abortion providers and their patients. We oppose efforts to undermine the *Roe v. Wade* Supreme Court decision by eliminating access to abortion in Michigan and throughout the country. We affirm that all people have the right to access reproductive healthcare services without fear of violence, intimidation, or harassment and support to access health care without interference in this state, including safe and legal abortion.