

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-R-45**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING HB 1033 AND SB 1076 TO REPEAL FLORIDA'S 15-WEEK ABORTION BAN TO KEEP THE GOVERNMENT OUT OF WOMEN'S MEDICAL DECISIONS; PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, last year Governor Ron DeSantis signed a 15-week abortion ban that does not contain any exceptions for rape or incest and has already had devastating impacts on patients and many others; and

**WHEREAS**, a 2022 poll conducted by the University of North Florida's Public Opinion Research Laboratory found that 55 percent of Floridians polled opposed the abortion bill and opposition grew to 60 percent when people were told it didn't make exceptions for victims of rape or incest; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida State Senator Lori Berman and Representative Rita Harris have filed SB 1076 and HB 1033, respectively, to repeal Florida's harmful abortion ban; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of North Miami honors the rights of pregnant people to bodily autonomy and control over their private medical decisions; and

**WHEREAS**, access to safe and legal abortion is part of a basic human right to medical treatment with which the government should not interfere; and

**WHEREAS**, eliminating legal access to abortion has been empirically proven to dramatically increase the risk of death, bodily injury, and infertility, especially within low-income communities and communities of color; and

**WHEREAS**, the right to privacy enshrined in Florida's Constitution should protect doctors, patients, and all others providing abortion-related medical care from any government interference related to decisions made within the healthcare provider-patient relationship so long as those decisions occur without coercion, force, or negligence; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida find it is in the best interest of the residents of the City to support SB 1076 and HB 1033 to repeal Florida's abortion ban and free private medical decisions from government intrusion.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA:**

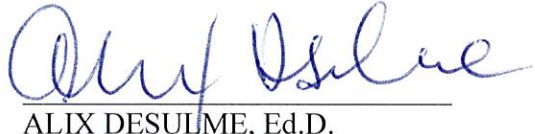
**Section 1. Recitals.** The above recitals are confirmed, adopted, and incorporated herein and made a part hereof by reference.

**Section 2. Urging State Legislature.** That the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Miami-Dade County, Florida, urges the passage of SB 1076 and HB 1033, repealing Florida's abortion ban.

**Section 3. Transmittal.** The City Clerk is hereby directed to transmit this Resolution to the Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives, the President of the Florida Senate, and the Governor of the State of Florida.

**Section 4. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by a 5 - 0 vote of the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, this 29th day of March, 2023.

  
ALIX DESULME, Ed.D.  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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VANESSA JOSEPH, ESQ.  
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

  
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JEFF P. H. CAZEAU, ESQ.  
CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: COUNCILWOMAN KASSANDRA TIMOTHE

Moved by: Galvin

Seconded by: Charles

**Vote:**

Mayor Alix Desulme, Ed.D.	<u>X</u>	(Yes)	_____	(No)
Vice-Mayor Mary Estimé-Irvin	<u>X</u>	(Yes)	_____	(No)
Councilman Scott Galvin	<u>X</u>	(Yes)	_____	(No)
Councilwoman Kassandra Timothe, MPA	<u>X</u>	(Yes)	_____	(No)
Councilman Pierre Frantz Charles	<u>X</u>	(Yes)	_____	(No)