

State of Vermont

Senate Chamber



Montpelier, Vermont

Senate Resolution

By Senators Miller, Ashe, Ayer, Baruth, Benning, Carris, Doyle, Fox, Galbraith, Giard, Hartwell, Illuzzi, Kitchel, Kittell, Lyons, MacDonald, Mazza, McCormack, Nitka, Pollina, Sears, Snelling, Starr, Westman and White,

S.R. 6. Senate resolution commemorating the 38th anniversary of Roe v. Wade and reaffirming support for its fundamental holding and principles.

Whereas, on January 22, 1973, in a landmark decision, the U.S. Supreme Court issued its historic ruling in Roe v. Wade, affirming that women, not politicians, should make the most personal decision of when or whether to have children, and

Whereas, the constitutional right to abortion as embodied in Roe v. Wade recognizes women's right to exercise reproductive choice, saves women's lives, and strengthens families, and

Whereas, prior to the Roe v. Wade decision, thousands of American women died every year as a result of complications from unsafe and illegal abortions, and an untold number of women suffered grievous injuries, a situation that created a serious public health problem that has virtually been eliminated by providing access to safe and legal abortion, and

Whereas, it is a public health goal of the state of Vermont to protect and enhance the health of all Vermonters, including women of all ages, and to strengthen families by encouraging and promoting access to comprehensive family planning services, and

Whereas, violence against providers and restrictions against abortion endanger the lives of women and men, and have continued to erode access to abortion, and

Whereas, safe, legal, and accessible abortion services are still under attack, especially for women for whom English is a second language or who do not speak English at all, poor women, rural women, and women who are minors, and

Whereas, it is critical for the economic health of our country, and the personal health and happiness of American women, that the right of women and their families to make their own personal medical decisions about reproduction and gynecological issues be vigilantly preserved and protected, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate:

That the Senate of the State of Vermont reaffirms the right of every Vermont woman to privacy, autonomy, and safety in making personal decisions regarding reproduction and family planning, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Congressional Delegation.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

ATTESTED TO:

John H. Bloomer, Jr.
Secretary of the Senate

DATE: _____