

REFORM THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT

WHEREAS, on June 24, 2022, the United States Supreme Court ruled 6-3 in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* to overturn the decades-old precedent of *Roe v. Wade* and stripping away the right to choose and bodily autonomy; and

WHEREAS, the current state of the United States Supreme Court has been heavily, unfairly, and undemocratically packed by extremists; and

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court has a supermajority that bows to the will and special interests of extremist politicians; and

WHEREAS, Alexander Hamilton wrote in Federalist Paper No. 78, published in 1788, that “the courts were designed to be an intermediate body between the people and the legislature, in order to keep the latter within the limits assigned to their authority”; and

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court has lost its credibility with the public with a recent Gallup poll reporting a record-low 40% approval rate and 37% saying that the Court is too conservative; and

WHEREAS, Congress has the authority—an authority which Congress has used seven times before— under Article III, Section 1 of the Constitution to change the size of the Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, the extremist United States Supreme Court has put at risk our basic human rights, freedoms, and liberties; and

WHEREAS, the entrance of the United States Supreme Court enshrines the phrase, “equal justice under law”;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Organization for Women (NOW) recognize that women’s rights, voting rights, and human rights are threatened by the current state of the United States Supreme Court; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that NOW support the following solutions related to reforming the United States Supreme Court:

1. Restore balance by adding four more seats to the United States Supreme Court; and
2. Depoliticize the United States Supreme Court by implementing term limits for justices; and
3. Hold justices accountable for their actions and behaviors by creating and enforcing a code of ethics for Supreme Court justices, and all judicial nominees, spouses, and immediate family members disclose full financial records, contributions, and in-kind donations; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that NOW vigorously continue to fight against further extremists

overtaking of the Supreme Court and fight to protect democracy and the equal administration of justice