

REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS AND JUSTICE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, people helping others to exercise their reproductive rights may face prosecutions and penalties; and

WHEREAS, it is in the power of state executive and legislative branches to protect their residents;

WHEREAS, Connecticut Public Act 22-19 provides “protections for persons receiving and providing reproductive health care services in the state and access to reproductive health care services in the state;” and

WHEREAS, some medical care providers are uncertain and/or apprehensive about the legal implications of providing certain medications, procedures, and other services, including for rheumatoid arthritis, cancer, miscarriage, and other serious medical conditions; and

WHEREAS, pregnant people give birth to our country’s future;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Organization for Women (NOW)

- urges chapters to work with their state legislatures and/or governors to pass measures to protect from prosecution those who assist those seeking abortions;
- urges chapters to work with their local governments to pass resolutions to protect those who obtain abortions or help others to do so;
- urges chapters to keep their activists informed on the laws in each state regarding prosecution and/or extradition of those who have obtained abortions or helped others to do so;
- urges chapters to demand that their state governments codify people’s rights to obtain reproductive health care, including abortions;
- will use press releases/conferences and educate its members of current rights and ways to obtain reproductive services;
- will advocate and support access to the full range of healthcare services, including all medications;
- urges the NOW Political Action Committee (PAC) to ask candidates and elected officials running for office for public statements supporting reproductive rights;
- will hold press conferences and issue press releases and social media to out legislators and executive offices that are taking negative actions in relation to state governments poised to ban reproductive justice and declare, “No bans on our bodies! Not now, not ever;” and
- will educate members on the availability of abortion services and assistance.