



RESOLUTION NO. 40353

1 BY REQUEST OF MAYOR WOODARDS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS IBSEN,
2 THOMS, AND USHKA

3 A RESOLUTION expressing the City Council's support of the right to bodily
4 autonomy and a person's right to access the full spectrum of reproductive
5 health care services, including the right to access abortion, regardless of
6 gender identity and expression, documentation status, income, or age.

7 WHEREAS voters in Washington State have consistently affirmed a
8 woman's right to reproductive freedom and privacy, as demonstrated by the
9 passage of Initiative 120, the Reproductive Privacy Act, in 1991; and by the defeat
10 of Initiative 694, which would have criminalized late-term abortions, in 1998, and

11 WHEREAS every person needs access to the full range of safe, affordable,
12 and comprehensive reproductive health care throughout the person's life, including
13 screenings for cancer and sexually transmitted infections, contraceptive services,
14 abortion care, prenatal care, and labor and delivery services, and

15 WHEREAS state governments across the nation are passing laws that
16 effectively ban abortion in those states, which will have profound negative impacts
17 on the health of residents who are able to become pregnant by effectively
18 eliminating access to all legal abortion services, and

19 WHEREAS some of these bills would prevent patients from seeking an
20 abortion and threaten doctors with prison time and fines for performing abortions in
21 their capacity as medical professionals, and

22 WHEREAS women of color are disproportionately impacted by restrictions
23 to health care and access to abortions, and the City Council's support of *Roe v.*
24 *Wade* and opposition to bans on abortion support communities of color in
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preventing the loss of access of both health care, generally, and access to
1 abortion, and

2 WHEREAS access to the full spectrum of reproductive health care options,
3 including abortion care, is vital to public health, and policy makers should focus on
4 supportive services to reduce unintended pregnancies and promote the success of
5 all families by investing in comprehensive sex education, access to contraceptives,
6 and quality affordable childcare, to improve public health, and

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8 WHEREAS the City Council supports the right to bodily autonomy and a
9 person's right to access the full spectrum of reproductive health care services,
10 including the right to access abortion, regardless of gender identity and expression,
11 documentation status, income, or age; Now, Therefore,

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13 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:

14 Section 1. That the City Council hereby expresses its support for the right
15 to bodily autonomy and a person's right to access the full spectrum of reproductive
16 health care services, including the right to access abortion care, regardless of
17 gender identity and expression, documentation status, income, or age.

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19 Section 2. That the City Council does not support any attempt by a state,
20 federal, or local government to restrict, prohibit, or otherwise impede access to the
21 full spectrum of reproductive health care options, including abortion care.

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23 Section 3. That the City Council does not support any attempt by a private
24 or non-profit organization to restrict access by withholding services, information, or
25 referrals related to reproductive health care, including abortion care.

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Section 4. That the City Council is committed to ensuring that the residents of Tacoma have access to the full spectrum of reproductive healthcare services, including abortion care, regardless of age, race, ethnicity, gender identity or expression, documentation status, or income.

Section 5. That the City Council remains committed to eliminating abortion stigma so that everyone who has had an abortion, might have an abortion, or provides abortion care will feel supported, welcome, and safe in Tacoma.

Adopted _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

City Attorney