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Cincinnati Federation of Teachers Resolution in Support of Women's Health and Women's Inclusion in Healthcare Decisions

WHEREAS, a large body of research confirms that having women at the table results in policies that are better for women's health, for human rights, and for children and families; and

WHEREAS, women are often excluded from conversations regarding women's healthcare; and

WHEREAS, federal lawmakers are leading many concerning assaults on the Affordable Care Act and Medicaid that affect women's health, specifically in underrepresented & minority factions, including defunding any service provider that gives a woman reproductive & maternal health services; and

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio presently does not recognize tampons, panty liners, menstrual cups, sanitary napkins or similar products as a health necessity to exempt them from taxation; and

WHEREAS, scientifically based, comprehensive information regarding women's reproductive health is being censored in some venues, and federal funding for women's healthcare is under attack; and

WHEREAS, some insurance companies and employers are limiting women's treatment choices based on non-scientific information; and

WHEREAS, the federal Food and Drug Administration has a history of approving drugs and devices with limited inclusion of women, people of color, and other subpopulations in testing; and

WHEREAS, approximately 200,000 rape kits across the United States have gone untested; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of State released its annual Human Rights report on April 20, 2018, and the document dramatically scaled back its reporting on women's reproductive health and rights; and

WHEREAS, pregnant women detained and held by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement are not always receiving appropriate prenatal care; and

WHEREAS, the federal government and some states are mounting campaigns and threatening funding for organizations that provide women with comprehensive and medically accurate choices and services; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the CFT will continue to defend and support strengthening the Affordable Care Act and Medicaid to ensure that low-income women and their families have affordable insurance options; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the CFT will support policies that advance health equity, and address affordability and access barriers that affect women; and

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46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the CFT will support partners in legislative arenas and during
47 contract negotiations to ensure health insurance markets and employer-based health plans offer
48 comprehensive care plans that cover unrestricted reproductive health coverage; and
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50 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the CFT will support the federal Food and Drug Administration's
51 plans to increase inclusion of women, people of color, and other subpopulations in testing drugs and
52 medical devices prior to approval, and encourage the agency to be transparent in its findings; and
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54 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the CFT will demand that U.S. Immigration and Customs
55 Enforcement ensure detained pregnant women are provided with immediate and ongoing quality
56 prenatal and obstetric care; and
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58 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the CFT will engage policymakers and state legislators to work
59 toward policies that protect and benefit women's health; and
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61 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the CFT will support the Joyful Heart Foundation and others as they
62 advocate for state lawmakers to approve funding to pursue testing of untested rape kits; and
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64 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the CFT will continue to partner with organizations that provide
65 women with access to comprehensive, medically accurate health services and education; and
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67 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the CFT will encourage its members to contact their congressional
68 representatives and request that they demand the U.S. Department of State restore full reporting of
69 women's health and reproductive statistics in its annual Human Rights report, beginning in 2019; and
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71 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the CFT will encourage its members to contact their congressional
72 representatives to revoke the two final rules that were announced on November 7, 2018 the
73 Departments of Health and Human Services, Treasury, and Labor (the Departments) announced two
74 final rules, on display at the Federal Register, that restrict women's access to contraceptive methods;
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77 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the CFT will encourage its members to contact their state legislative
78 representatives and demand they not only uphold women's health and reproductive rights but also
79 provide complete funding to do so.
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