

## **NEW MEXICO COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN RESOLUTION**

Whereas the New Mexico Commission on the Status of Women shall stimulate and encourage throughout the state the study and review of the status of women in New Mexico and may act as a clearinghouse for all activities involving the status of women;

Inclusivity, tolerance, and respect are BASIC, FUNDAMENTAL VALUES OF NEW MEXICO. All people in New Mexico deserve access to the respect, information, and resources they need to make their own personal healthcare decisions and decide what is best for themselves and their families.

People in New Mexico need and deserve access to the full spectrum of reproductive healthcare, including family planning, prenatal care, labor and delivery, postpartum care and support, lactation counseling and support, abortion, and appropriate medical management of miscarriage and pregnancy loss. Abortion is an essential part of reproductive healthcare and must remain legal, safe, and accessible.

WE INVITE OUR NEIGHBORS TO LEARN FROM THESE CORE NEW MEXICO VALUES

WE KNOW THAT THE IMPACT OF THE OVERTURNING OF ALMOST 50 YEARS OF PRECEDENT has devastated healthcare access for pregnant people in many states around us. As a result, many of our neighbors will be forced to seek abortion care and care for pregnancy loss in our State. We remain steadfast in our values and are proud of New Mexico's commitment to ensure that this healthcare remains safe and legal for all people. At the same time, we must work to protect and expand the availability of these services to address the demands on our system and ensure that our communities continue to have access to the care they need.

The NM Commission on the Status of Women acknowledges that more must be done to address the current and future need for safe and legal abortion care in our State following the overturning of *Roe v. Wade* and the flood of other states' actions to limit, prohibit, or penalize abortion access elsewhere. Accordingly, the Commission supports the following goals and practical strategies:

- 1) Keep women and women who identify as LGBTQ+ safe and legally protected in New Mexico by supporting policies and programs that protect and expand access to abortion care, and by opposing all policies or programs that seek to restrict or penalize access to safe abortion.
- 2) Protect and keep health care providers who provide reproductive healthcare, including abortion, safe and legally protected.
- 3) Work practically to expand availability and access to reproductive healthcare, including abortion, across the state, with a special emphasis on rural New Mexico.

a. Work to obtain proper support and funding to ensure there are clinics to support reproductive healthcare, including the full spectrum of pregnancy care, abortion care and post-birth care in New Mexico

i. Invest in a pipeline of trained providers to continue providing the full spectrum of pregnancy-related care, including abortion and miscarriage management. This includes support of existing residency, fellowship, and training programs, as well as exploration and support of new training opportunities for providers who are lawfully able to provide abortion and miscarriage care in NM.

ii. Create incentives for trained providers with this skill set to remain and practice in New Mexico, especially in the underserved areas of our State. This may include programs such as scholarships or loan repayment.

iii. Support the expansion of telehealth services as appropriate in the context of abortion care.

iv. Evaluate and support opportunities for safety net providers throughout the state to integrate early abortion care in their clinic settings.

v. Support the exploration and creation of uncompensated care funds for those in NM without sufficient coverage or payment source for abortion care.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED.

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