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2022 RES-102
AUTHORIZING ADVISORY REFERENDUM QUESTION
ON ABORTION BAN

On June 24, 2022, the United States Supreme Court made the devastating decision to overturn *Roe v. Wade*, eliminating people’s constitutional right to access a safe and legal abortion. Given this reversal of a 50-year precedent, individual states now dictate access to abortion care. Wisconsin Statute 940.04, enacted in 1849, bans abortion at any stage of pregnancy without exception for rape, incest, or health of the patient.

Polling consistently shows that the majority of people in Wisconsin, and across the United States, oppose the overturn of *Roe v. Wade*.

The decision to overturn *Roe v. Wade* disproportionately affects communities of color, low-income communities, people who are disabled, immigrants, young people, and members of the LGBTQ+ community. This is an attack on reproductive care and sets a dangerous precedent for other questions of bodily autonomy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dane County Board of Supervisors supports the repeal of Wisconsin Statute 940.04, banning abortion at any stage of pregnancy without exception for rape, incest, or health of the patient to allow legal access to abortion care, and places the following advisory referendum question on the ballot for the November 8, 2022 election:

Advisory Referendum Question:

“Should Wisconsin Statute 940.04, which bans abortion at any stage of pregnancy without exception for rape, incest, or health of the patient, be repealed to ensure legal access to abortion care?”

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Dane County Clerk shall take all necessary steps to implement this resolution.