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**2022 RES-301**  
**AUTHORIZING ADVISORY REFERENDUM QUESTION**  
**ON AMENDMENT OF WISCONSIN CONSTITUTION TO CREATE A RIGHT TO PRIVACY**

6 On June 24, 2022, the United States Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade*, eliminating  
7 people's constitutional right to access a safe and legal abortion. This reversal of a 50-year  
8 precedent, now requires individual states to legislate to ensure access to abortion care.

9 Currently, Wisconsin bans abortion at any stage of pregnancy without exception for rape, incest,  
10 or health of the patient per Wisconsin Statute 940.04, which was enacted in 1849.

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

13 The decision to overturn *Roe v. Wade* not only disproportionately affects communities of color,  
14 low-income communities, people who are disabled, immigrants, young people, and members of  
15 the LGBTQ+ community, but it also sets a concerning precedent for other questions of people's  
16 bodily autonomy and privacy.

17 The Wisconsin Constitution can be amended if the action is adopted by the state legislature and  
18 then ratified by the voters in a general election.

19 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Dane County Board of Supervisors supports  
20 the right to privacy and bodily autonomy for every person, including reproductive rights and  
21 abortion, and places the following advisory referendum question on the ballot for the April 4,  
22 2023 election:

23 Advisory Referendum Question: "Should the Wisconsin Legislature adopt an amendment to the  
24 Wisconsin Constitution creating a new right to privacy that would protect rights such as abortion,  
25 same-sex marriage, and interracial marriage?"

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