

**Executive Board of the
Democratic Women of Mecklenburg County
RESOLUTION**

CALLING FOR THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES [THE COURT] TO UPHOLD ROE v. WADE, THE 1973 RULING ESTABLISHING FEDERAL PROTECTION FOR LEGAL ABORTION

WHEREAS, in the landmark decision of January 22, 1973, the Supreme Court of the United States held that the existing right of personal privacy under the United States Constitution encompasses a woman's decision whether or not to terminate her pregnancy;

WHEREAS, the law established by Roe v. Wade protects a woman's right to an abortion without excessive government interference;

WHEREAS, if Roe v. Wade is overturned, abortion would become a matter for the states. Many states will continue to preserve abortion rights, but others will seek to restrict the procedure, if not ban it altogether;

WHEREAS, such an overturning of the landmark decision of Roe v. Wade would be a detriment to women around the country. Women and teenagers would seek abortion care outside of their state and would not have the necessary support and professional health services available at home;

WHEREAS, turmoil and uncertainty would create great fear among pregnant women who would be outcasts and criminalized for a need to have an abortion unsupported by the state.

RESOLVED, that the Democratic Women of Mecklenburg County oppose the overturning of Roe v. Wade by the Supreme Court of the United States and stand for women's rights to be continually protected.

Submitted by Sandra Dickerson, DWMC Chair of Issues and Resolutions
Amended and Approved by Issues & Resolutions Committee
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