DECLARATION OF FUNDAMENTAL REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOMS

WHEREAS, our community is experiencing unprecedented attacks on reproductive autonomy, freedom, and justice at both the federal and state levels of government;

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of the United States established in 1973 the constitutional right to make informed, private medical decisions with the landmark Roe v. Wade decision;

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of the United States is in 2022 deciding whether to uphold the Roe v. Wade decision, and could end the legal right to abortion in the United States;

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina has a documented history of infringing on individual’s reproductive decision-making, including restricting people’s access to their health care providers of choice;

WHEREAS, our ability to access sexual and reproductive health care and resources directly impacts our emotional, physical, and socioeconomic stability and safety;

WHEREAS, the City of Durham and the Mayor’s Women Council of Durham share a commitment to preserving and expanding opportunities for all to thrive;

WHEREAS, the right to maintain personal bodily autonomy is fundamental to our reproductive freedom;

WHEREAS, the ability to make personal decisions about if, when, and how to establish a family, including decisions about abortion, is fundamental to our reproductive freedom;

WHEREAS, the ability to access medically accurate information about all of our health care options, without judgement, harassment, or coercion is fundamental to our reproductive freedom;

WHEREAS, the ability to have a safe and healthy pregnancy on our own terms is fundamental to our future and our collective reproductive freedom;

WHEREAS, the ability to live and raise children in healthy, safe communities with the support we need to thrive is fundamental to our reproductive freedom; and

WHEREAS, the following organizations, the City of Durham Mayor's Council for Women, Action NC RAGE, El Centro Hispano and Pro-Choice NC are in full support of the Declaration of Fundamental Reproductive Freedoms.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we pause in our deliberations to declare the
City of Durham a sexual and reproductive health care safe zone, ensuring the people’s rights to reproductive freedom, and naming these rights as fundamental.