

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.