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**SPECIAL CALLED CITY COUNCIL
MEETING/ PUBLIC SAFETY AND LEGAL
COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA**

**Wednesday, August 24, 2022
6:30 PM - ZOOM**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **ROLL CALL**
3. **INTRODUCTION OF MEETING'S PURPOSE**
 - A. Discuss the deferred resolution on reproductive and abortion related care.
4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
5. **COMMENTS**
6. **ADJOURNMENT**

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION BY VIDEO CONFERENCE

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION BY THE CLARKSTON CITY COUNCIL IN SUPPORT OF
REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS AND ABORTION-RELATED CARE.**

WHEREAS, according to the National Institute of Reproductive Health, one in four women in the United States will have an abortion by the time they are 45 years old; and

WHEREAS, since *Roe V. Wade* was decided in 1973, several states have worked to enact restrictions to accessing abortion, causing widespread clinic closure, and significant barriers to accessing abortion care; and

WHEREAS, the Georgia General Assembly passed an anti-abortion law (HB 481) which was signed into law in 2019; and

WHEREAS, this law was ruled unconstitutional due to the *Roe V. Wade* decision; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of the United States has now overturned the 1973 landmark ruling of *Roe V. Wade*; and

WHEREAS, limiting access to abortions and abortion care disproportionately and negatively impacts low income women, immigrant women and women of color; and

WHEREAS, eliminating legal access to abortion has been empirically proven to dramatically increase the risk of death, bodily injury, and infertility, especially within low-income communities and communities of color; and

WHEREAS, low-income women are more than five times more likely than affluent women to experience an unintended pregnancy, which has significant implications for social mobility given that unplanned childbearing is associated with higher rates of poverty, less family stability, and worse outcomes for children, according to a Brookings Center on Children and Families (CCF) paper; and

WHEREAS, the State of Georgia has acted to outlaw abortion without giving new babies and their families the educational, medical, or financial support they need to lead a healthy life and that could leave tens of thousands of future children unnecessarily disadvantaged and living in poverty.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLARKSTON, GEORGIA that the fundamental right to privacy should protect doctors, patients and all others involved with medical treatment from any criminal investigation or prosecution related to decisions made within the healthcare provider-patient relationship, including abortion, as long as those decisions occur without coercion, force or negligence..

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clarkston City Council stands with those who condemn any actions intended to abrogate the fundamental liberties of women and affirms its commitment

to protecting its residents' right to make reproductive health decisions for themselves, including abortion care.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council is committed to continuing to research and determine what actions may legally be undertaken by the City to support the reproductive rights of women, including abortion rights, moving forward.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clarkston City Council encourages City officials, including those within the Police Department, to treat the investigation of any allegation, charge, or information relating to the outcome of a given pregnancy, including abortion and abortion-related care, as the lowest priority for enforcement and the use or assignment of resources and personnel; except in cases where the use of coercion or force against the pregnant person is alleged, or conduct criminally negligent to the health of the pregnant person seeking care is alleged, or in cases where the abortion, miscarriage, or reproductive healthcare is not the crime being investigated but may be evidence of a crime such as sexual assault.

SO RESOLVED, this ____ day of _____, 2022.

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF CLARKSTON, GEORGIA

BEVERLY H BURKS, Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk Tomika Mitchell