
SENATE RESOLUTION

AFFIRMING SUPPORT OF PLANNED PARENTHOOD, RECOGNIZING ITS VITAL
ROLE IN PROVIDING HEALTH CARE, AND DENOUNCING VIOLENCE
TOWARDS ABORTION PROVIDERS AND THEIR PATIENTS.

1 WHEREAS, article 25 of the Universal Declaration of Human
2 Rights states that everyone has the right to medical care; and
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4 WHEREAS, Planned Parenthood of the Great Northwest and the
5 Hawaiian Islands, an affiliate of Planned Parenthood Federation
6 of America (Planned Parenthood), is a non-profit organization
7 providing medical care and education for women, men, and
8 families throughout the diverse communities of Hawaii; and
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10 WHEREAS, Planned Parenthood offers cancer screenings,
11 pregnancy testing and counseling, testing and treatment for
12 sexually transmitted infections, comprehensive sexual health
13 education, preventive health care services, birth control for
14 men and women, emergency contraception, and abortion services;
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17 WHEREAS, Planned Parenthood also offers guidance and
18 counseling on relationships, consent, body image, and other
19 general health issues; and
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21 WHEREAS, Planned Parenthood provides resources on a variety
22 of issues that impact children, families, and young adults,
23 including sexual health education resources; and
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25 WHEREAS, Planned Parenthood of the Great Northwest and the
26 Hawaiian Islands provides more than ten thousand services to
27 Hawaii residents each year, including teenagers and individuals
28 with limited income or in personal crisis; and
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30 WHEREAS, in 2016, Planned Parenthood of the Great Northwest
31 and the Hawaiian Islands celebrates its fiftieth year of
32 providing high-quality, affordable health care in Hawaii; and
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1 WHEREAS, Planned Parenthood has been under attack in recent
2 months due to a series of manipulated and misleading videos
3 released by an anti-reproductive health organization; and
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5 WHEREAS, Planned Parenthood has been subjected to numerous
6 politically motivated and misguided investigations that have
7 failed to reveal any wrongdoing by Planned Parenthood; and
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9 WHEREAS, these attacks have led to extreme and demonizing
10 rhetoric and a hostile climate that leads to violence, threats,
11 and harassment of health care providers and patients; and
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13 WHEREAS, since 1977, nearly seven thousand violent acts
14 against abortion providers have been reported, including
15 bombings, arsons, death threats, kidnappings, and assaults, and
16 more than one hundred ninety thousand acts of disruption against
17 abortion providers have been performed, including bomb threats
18 and harassing calls; and
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20 WHEREAS, since 1993, there have been eleven murders of
21 individuals associated with abortion care, most recently on
22 November 27, 2015, when a gunman attacked a Planned Parenthood
23 health center in Colorado Springs, Colorado in which three
24 people were killed and nine people were injured; and
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26 WHEREAS, Planned Parenthood is a trusted health care
27 provider for one in five women in the United States and provides
28 crucial health care services to people across the country and in
29 Hawaii; now, therefore,
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31 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth
32 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2016,
33 that this body affirms that all persons have the right to access
34 reproductive health care services without fear of violence,
35 intimidation, or harassment; and
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37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body reaffirms its support
38 for Planned Parenthood health centers and staff in carrying out
39 their mission to safeguard and provide access to a fundamental
40 human right; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director of Health,
3 and Mayors of the Counties of Hawaii, Maui, Kauai, and the City
4 and County of Honolulu.

