

RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE ANY DEFUNDING OF PLANNED PARENTHOOD

WHEREAS Planned Parenthood has provided critical reproductive health services for 100 years to millions of women, men and their families and is a major component of North Carolina's and the Nation's Health Care System by providing cancer screenings, birth control and other health services to women throughout the nation. Planned Parenthood's nine NC health centers throughout our state, serving around 25,000 patients - many who could not get care anywhere else; and has been a safe, culturally sensitive and secure health provider where one in five women in the nation have sought confidential, professional, and compassionate care; and

WHEREAS Planned Parenthood's doors are open to everyone, no matter their age, gender, sexual identify, ethnicity, race, religion, or immigration status by providing access to reproductive care which has enabled tens of millions of women to obtain autonomy over their reproductive lives, educational equity and economic security. Planned Parenthood has been under attack from those in and out of government who want to overturn Roe v. Wade and shut the doors of women's health centers including Planned Parenthood; and

WHEREAS the new Trump Administration has vowed to defund Planned Parenthood, and the Randolph County NC Democratic party has a long-standing policy of supporting women and their health care choices, including supporting candidates who promise to protect women's health and rights;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Randolph County NC Democratic Party goes on record opposing all proposals in Congress and our State Legislature to defund Planned Parenthood, limit their ability to serve their clients, and/or appoint judges who have a record of opposing equal health care rights for all women;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Randolph County NC Democratic Party will work with stakeholders and others to ensure that our Congressional and Legislative representatives understand our firm commitment to women's health and rights and pledge to oppose any Trump/Pence Administration plans to defund Planned Parenthood.