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25 **WHEREAS**, rape and incest cause trauma, and forced birth potentially
26 causes further trauma; and

27 **WHEREAS**, the impact of both climate change and denial of choice in
28 personal reproductive health issues falls disproportionately on persons in poverty;
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30 **WHEREAS**, the City is committed to combatting climate change, as
31 evidenced in its Climate Equity Plan as well as numerous resolutions and planning
32 documents; and

33 **WHEREAS**, the City is committed to women’s reproductive health, as
34 evidenced over many years and policies; and

35 **WHEREAS**, the rulings in *West Virginia v. Environmental Protection*
36 *Agency* and *Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization* are both direct
37 assaults on the health, safety, and welfare of the planet and its people, especially
38 those forced to give birth; **NOW, THEREFORE:**

39 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:**

40 The City Council of Austin condemns the Supreme Court’s rulings in *West*
41 *Virginia v. EPA* and *Dobbs v. Jackson*, and the Court’s attacks on American
42 freedom, health, and safety.

43 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF**
44 **AUSTIN:**

45 City Council calls on the Environmental Protection Agency to continue to
46 regulate all pollutants, including carbon emissions, at power plants; and

47 City Council calls on Congress and all State Legislatures to immediately
48 pass national and local laws requiring plant emission reductions by any means
49 possible, including shifting to other, readily available power production
50 technologies; and

51 City Council calls on the United States Government to enforce the laws
52 which protect persons seeking abortion, as iterated in President Biden's recent
53 executive orders; and

54 City Council calls on the Texas Legislature and the United States Congress
55 to immediately put forth legislation that supports: healthy and positive life
56 outcomes for children and families, including but not limited to access to health
57 care during pregnancy and the first 12 months after birth for both those giving birth
58 and their children; creation of a national support system providing adoption
59 services; programs to increase the quality and funding for Child Protective
60 Services; and increasing health programs for school children such as healthy food
61 programs; and

62 The City Manager is directed to send copies of this resolution to the
63 Judiciary Committee for the United States House of Representatives and United
64 States Senate, as those bodies play a role in the selection of members of the federal
65 judiciary, including the United States Supreme Court, and to the Texas delegations
66 in the United States Congress and to the President of the United States, in formal
67 notice of this Council's carefully considered actions today.

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70 **ADOPTED:** _____, 2022

ATTEST: _____

Myrna Rios
City Clerk