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2 **Support for Abortion Rights and United States Supreme Court Decision in the case**  
3 **of Roe v Wade** – For the purpose of expressing Council support for the Supreme Court  
4 Decision in the case of Roe v. Wade.

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7 **CITY COUNCIL OF THE**  
8 **City of Annapolis**

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10 **Resolution 33-22**

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12 **Introduced by: Alderman Da Juan Gay**  
13 **Co-sponsored by:**

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15 **A RESOLUTION** concerning

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17 **Support for the United States Supreme Court Decision in the Case of Roe v. Wade**

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19 **FOR** the purpose of expressing support for the Supreme Court Decision in the case of  
20 Roe v. Wade and generally expressing support for women’s right to an abortion in  
21 the United States.

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23 **WHEREAS,** May 2, 2022, a leaked initial draft majority draft opinion written by Justice  
24 Samuel Alito indicated that the United States Supreme Court is prepared to overturn Roe  
25 v. Wade (1973) and Planned Parenthood v. Casey (1992) (overruled certain portions of  
26 Roe) in a final decision on Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization

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28 **WHEREAS,** thousands of Annapolitans expressed outrage in fear of the Supreme  
29 Court's final decision

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31 **WHEREAS,** the Supreme Court case of *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*, re-emphasized  
32 the right to an abortion, upholding the "essential holding" in *Roe*" that Constitutional  
33 protection of the woman's decision to terminate her pregnancy derives from the Due  
34 Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment, which declares that no State shall "deprive  
35 any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law - liberty being the  
36 controlling word; and

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38 **WHEREAS,** in 1992 61% of Marylanders voted to support SB 162 which made clear  
39 the State may not interfere with the decision of a woman to terminate a pregnancy before  
40 fetal viability. Protecting a women's right to abortion in the State of Maryland; and

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42 **WHEREAS,** The Supreme Court in the *Roe v. Wade* decision ruled that the Due Process  
43 Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment to the U.S Constitution, enshrines a right to privacy  
44 that ultimately protects a pregnant woman's liberty to choose to have an abortion; and

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1 **WHEREAS**, in a poll conducted by the Pew Research Center, 64% of Marylanders 18  
2 years of age and older agreed that abortion should be legal in all or most cases, and  
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4 **WHEREAS**, the number of abortion clinics and access to prenatal care has diminished in  
5 the state in recent years, going from 52 in 1982 to 51 in 1992, and now in 2022 less than  
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8 **WHEREAS**, the late Speaker of the House the Honorable Michael E. Busch stated in  
9 2019, “Given the current national climate, the change in the makeup of the Supreme  
10 Court and the alarming increase in anti-choice legislation introduced in Maryland, it is  
11 important to protect this right in Maryland’s constitution”  
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13 **NOW, THEREFORE,**  
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15 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that the City of  
16 Annapolis expresses its support for a woman’s right to an abortion in the United States and  
17 for a decision by the U.S. Supreme Court upholding its decision in Roe v. Wade.  
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19 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that  
20 a copy of this Resolution shall be sent to the District 30 State Delegation expressing support  
21 for continued funding of women’s health facilities in the State of Maryland and an update  
22 on the constitutional amendment to protect a women’s right to choose.  
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24 **EXPLANATION**

25 Underlining indicates matter added.  
26 [~~Strikethrough~~] indicates matter stricken.  
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